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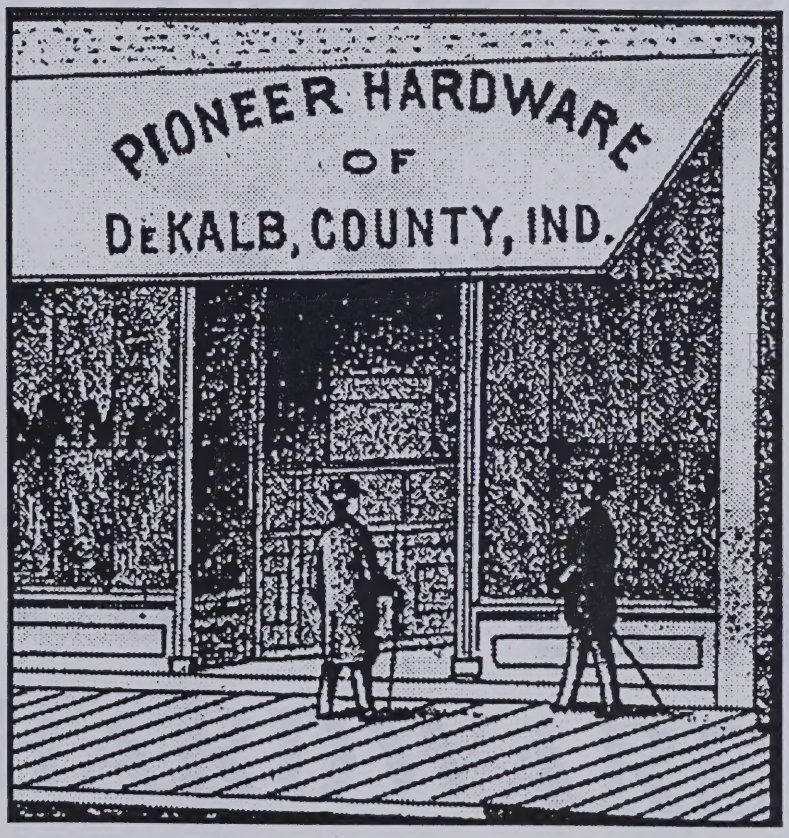

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PIONEER

Hardware Store of

DEKALB COUNTY,

Established A. D, 1850.

The undersigned would ask attention to his new and first-class stock of general

HardwarE

and Cook, Parlor and Box

Stoves.

Special attention given to Builders' Hardware, House-Furnishing Hardware, Carpenters' Tools, Blacksmiths' Tools, Wagon-Makers' Materials, Cabinet-Makers' Hardware & Coffin Trimmings, Glue, White Lead & Colored Paints, Varnishes, Linseed and other Oils, all kinds of Cross-cut, Mill, Hand, Back and Panel Saws, Shovels, Spades, Hay, Straw & manure Forks,

Axes; Coil, Log, Jack and Trace Chains; Horse-Shoes

IRON & STEEL!

Glass and Putty, Agricultural and Garden Tools, Wooden Ware, Rope, Twine and Bed Cord. A variety of

STEEL AND CAST PLOWS,

for sod and stubble ground, Cultivators, Double Shovel and Corn Plows, Horse Hay-Forks, Horse Rakes, and Agency for the sale of

Threshing Machines, Grain Drills, and Reapers and Mowers.

Also, Manufacturers of TIN, COPPER and SHEET IRON WARE.

JOHN L. DAVIS.

1850. **PIONEER** 1880

Hardware Store.

Headquarter Stoves

The Celebrated Buffalo N. Y. Stoves have been sold in this house for 25 years. A full stock alway on hand.

—A full line of—

BUILDING HARDWARE and SHELF GOODS.
Wagon and Buggy Mterial,
White Lead, Paints, Oils and Varnishes,
Table and Pocket Cutlery,
Silver-Plated Knives and Forks and Spoons,
Granite Iron-Ware,
Oliver Chilled and Bryan Plows.
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
BLACKSMITHS' MATERIALS,
Buffalo Scales, Sash & Doors,
WOOD AND IRON PUMPS, & DRIVE-WELL FIXTURES,
All at prices to suit the times.
Call at the old stand when you want bargains.
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To: [redacted]
Subject: Pioneer Hardware/Aubuurn City Hardware

Dear Lucy Funk:
Your inquiry of 15 October has been referred by the Indiana Historical Bureau to the Indiana State Library. We have found several references to the Pioneer Hardware/Auburn City Hardware store, most if not all of which you may already have seen. We will summarize our findings,in case
we have something unique. We found nothing in the index to our manuscripts collection, which might have contained primary documents, records of the store, etc. A History of DeKalb County, Indiana (Indianapolis :B. F. Bowen & Co., 1914) contains a sketch of John L. Davis and mentions his brother Joseph D. Davis who established the Pioneer Hardware store (pp. 472-475). An Atlas of DeKalb County, Indiana
(Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1880) also contains a sketch of John L. Davis, p. 17. DeKalb County 1837-1987 by John Martin Smith, V. 1, P. 941 briefly refers to the Pioneer Hardware Company , dating it from 1850. A photo of a letterhead and a drawing of the building from the 1880 atlas are included. The consolidated index to DeKalb County histories contains several other references to John Leonard and Joseph D. Davis which we have not checked but could do so if you do not have access to the county histories.
We have a scattered collection of state gazetteers which list businesses
and professional prople in the cities and towns of Indiana.
Unfortunately the 1850 one does not do this but just gives a general description of the location. The first one that we have that does list businesses is dated 1858-59 and lists, in Auburn, J. D. Davis, hardware and cutlery and dealer in stoves and tinware. In 1860-61 and 1864-65 J.
D. Davis was listed as a dealer in hardware and cutlery and justice of the peace.The next gazetteer that we have, 1880-81, listed John L. Davis, banker, hardware, insurance and express agent. This listing continued through 1891-92 with various combinations of occupation but always including hardware.Our next gazetteer, 1916-17, listed Auburn Hardware Co. (John Leasure, James L. Lewis) and 1928-29, Auburn Hardware
Co., C. E. Frederick Mngr., 203 S. Main.
Our collection of Auburn city directories also is scattered. Auburn Hardware, 203 S. Main, Mngr. C. E. Frederick, is listed in 1925, 1927, 1931 and 1936. C. E. Frederick was manager of Auburn Hardware Co.

(wholesale hardware) at 411 N. Indiana Ave. in 1946 but Auburn City Hardware was at 203 S. Main, prop. E. L. Kokenge and Wm. A. Cooper. The
listing was the same in 1947. In 1956 Edward L. Kokenge , owner, was listed. In 1957 Edward L. and Robert E.Kokenge were listed as partners and in 1959, R. E. Kokenge and E. L. Kokenge, partners.Auburn City Hardware Inc. Edward L. Kokenge, pres., Robert E. Kokenge, v-pres. and Marjorie Brennan secy-treas. were listed in 1969 through 1974. We did not find the store in the alphabetical or classified sections of the 1977 directory but Edward L. Kokenge was listed as president of Auburn City Hardware Co. In 1979, the last Auburn city directory that we have, Auburn City Hardware, 203 S. Main street, was listed as well as Edward L. Kokenge, pres. Auburn City Hardware, under his own name.
We found a death notice for John L. Davis in the Auburn Courier of August 16, 1900, p. 2, c. 4. It contained no family or business history
but an obituary in the August 23 issue, p. 3, did. It said that Davis located in Auburn on October 16, 1862 and became an employee of his brother, Joseph D. Davis, as clerk and general utility man in the Pioneer Hardware store, established by his brother in 1852. Upon the death of his brother in April, 1865, he became his successor in the hardware business. Unfortunately we do not have any 1850-1852 DeKalb County newspapers that might have contained advertisements for the store, not any 1865 papers to search for Joseph's death notice.
If you would like photocopies of any of the county history, atlas or newspaper references, we can supply them at .25 per shot plus postage if
you are outside of Indiana.We do not photocopy city directories or gazetteers because of their age and condition. We would send an invoice
with any photocopies made.
If you have not already done so, you might want to check with the Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis IN 46202, to see if they might have any pertinent documents.
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AUBURN—THE BLOCK BETWEEN EIGHTH AND NINTH Streets on Main Street, Auburn, is pictured above as it looked at the turn of the century.

This one block of Auburn's shopping district offered the shopper Miller and Getrost's Dry Goods Store, S. W. Tarney's Meat Market, Mr. Jones' Variety store, W. J. Austin and Co.'s Boot and Shoe Store and the Pioneer Hardware.

Located in the second floor offices of the block were H. C. Peterson's Law Office, Rose and Hartman's Law Office and the Republican Office.

William (Bill) Cooper, 724 N. Cedar St., Auburn, and Edward Kokenge, VanBuren St., Auburn, bought the hardware store, now the City Hardware, in 1939. At this time Cooper was interested in the history of the store dating back to the days of the Pioneer Hardware.

In his research, Cooper found the above sketch in material being prepared for a city directory to be published in 1880.

This picture was loaned to The Evening Star by Cooper.

Printed in 1969

1880 Atlas

MILLER AND GETROST'S DRY GOODS STORE

S.U. TARNEY DEALER IN LIVE STOCK & HIDES

ED. ELDRIDGE'S BLOCK.

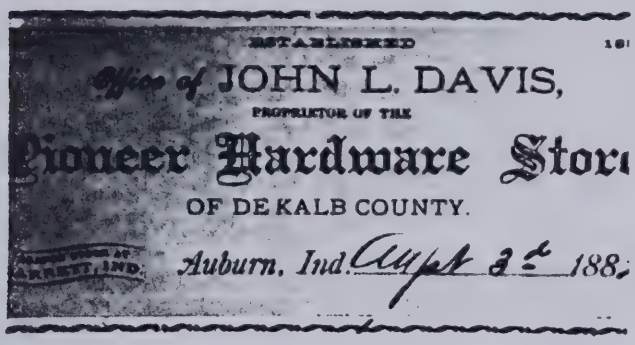
MRS. JONES' VARIETY STORE.

W. J. AUSTIN AND CO'S. BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

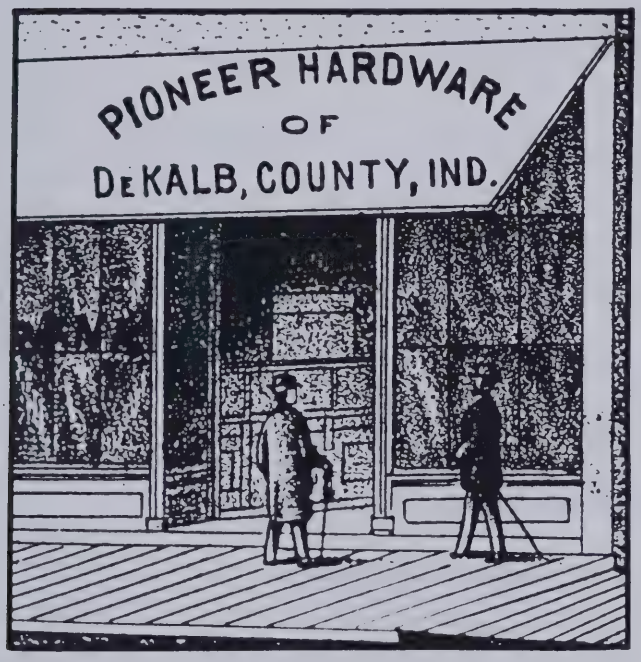
DAVIS BLOCK, COR. 8th & MAIN STS., AUBURN, IND. PROP

What Auburn Has:

Nine churches.
Three school houses.
One large opera house.
Five hotels.
Four large dry-goods stores.
Eight grocery establishments.
Four millinery establishments.
Three banks.
Two undertaking establishments.
Seven barber shops.
Three bakeries.
Five restaurants and lunch rooms.
Three shoe stores.
Three large hardware stores.
Four tinshops.
Two jewelry stores.
Five meat markets.
Six saloons.
One beer bottling establishment.
Two large lumber yards.
Three drug stores.
Two furniture stores.
One second hand store.
Two uptown telegraph offices.
Two express offices.
Two feed stores.
Two daily and two weekly papers.
Two news and book stores.
Two bicycle repair rooms.
Two crockery stores.
Two harness stores.
Two real estate offices.
One uptown railway ticket office.
Three carriage sales rooms.
Four livery and feed barns.
Splendid water works.
Five clothing and tailoring establishments.
Perfect sewer system.
Electric light plant owned by city.
One large steam laundry.
Three agricultural implement stores.
One sanitary bath establishment.
Three railroads.
One hay buying establishment.
One marble shop.
Two photo galleries.
Eleven ministers.
Two dentists.
Ten physicians.
Three insurance agencies.
Thirteen attorneys at law.
Two telephone systems.
One auto bus line.
Two flouring mills.
Five carriage factories.
One gas engine plant and foundry.
Two grain elevators.
Two saw mills.
Three plumbing establishments.
One cement block factory.
Two painters' establishments.
Four blacksmith shops.
One machinist's repair shop.
One band of thirty-five pieces.
One military company.
Ten secret orders.
One cigar lighter factory.
Four ladies' clubs, literary and musical.
Three cigar factories.



Letterhead of Pioneer Hardware



Pioneer Hardware from 1880 atlas of DeKalb County

The Auburn Hardware Company was on the same site as the Pioneer Hardware.

24.5 OLDEST BUSINESSES

The oldest business to be located on its original site is probably the Auburn City Hardware. A hardware has been located on the southwest corner of South Main and Eighth Streets, Auburn, since 1850, when the Pioneer Hardware was opened. There has not, however, been a continuous ownership of the business.

The DeKalb Farm Mutual Insurance Company was established in 1877 and has operated continuously since.

Tri-State Memorials was established in 1882 as the Madden Monument Works, was later known as Husselman Monument Company, and now is known as Tri-State Memorials.

Knapp Abstract was established in 1898 by Charles and Inez Knapp. It has operated continuously since then, but it was merged with Auburn Abstract Inc in 1981.

Robert Kokenge waits on Hubert Provines in basement of Auburn Hardware.

OWNERS

The following information is taken from obituaries and may have some errors for dates.

Joseph D Davis—Began Pioneer Hardware in 1850's
John L.. Davis Purchased Hardware from brother Joseph in 1865

John H. Leasure, W. H. McQuiston and Harry Swarts formed the Auburn Hardware Company in 1900.. John L. Leasure purchased the Pioneer Hardware Company from the estate of John L. Davis in 1900. The subject and associates ran the store for two years and Mr. Leasure and his wife bought out the associates and became the sole owners.

John Leasure brought in a partner James Lewis.

In 1918 the business was sold to C. E. Fredericks

In 1932 Mr. Fredericks sold the store to William Cooper and E. L. Kokenge.

In 1939 Mr. Kokenge bought the hardware store.

In 1953 Robert Kokenge joined his father in the hardware business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kokenge
Auburn City Hardware
Eighth and Main
Auburn, In. 46706

November, 1999

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kokenge.

Regarding the research for the Pioneer Hardware Store of Auburn, we have included some personal data and events of the owners in 1800 to the early 1900s, which shaped the lives of the DeKalb Community.

1. Joseph Dutcher Davis founded the Hardware store in 1850.
2. In the 1850 census, Joseph listed his occupation as a Tinner. This makes us believe that the store was in business but was not named until 1852.
3. April 1865, Joseph D. Davis died.
4. Martha Davis, his wife in the guardianship of the two boys, Hugh and Emmet, sold the store to Joseph's brother ,John L. Davis.
5. Martha Davis married Giles T. Abbey and moved to Waterloo. She died in either 1882 or 1884. Two different dates are given for her time of death..
6. Hugh died in Texas.
7. Many tragedies were in the life of John L. Davis but he always seem to bounce back
   a. Fire destroyed the frame building in 1868.
   b. Brick building was built.
   c. Death of son Albert in October 1875.
   d. Death of father, William in July 1876.
   e. Son Fred dies in 1892
   f. Failure of business in1893.
   g. Store temporally closed to settle up.
   h. Reopened store. Ads began to appear as "Pioneer Hardware Co." Before this the Ads had consistently been "Pioneer Hardware Store."
   i. Articles regarding the store began to appear again in the paper in 1899.
   j. About Christmas 1899, John took ill and was out of the store until April 1900. He went back to the store until July 24. He died August 1900.
8. The John Davis family lived at 211 North Jackson St. The house was torn down to make a parking lot for Auburn Federal Savings and Loan.
9. The Auburn Hardware Co purchased the store. (William H. McQuiston, Harris J. Swarts Malvina R. McQuiston, John H. and Lida Leasure)
10. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Leasure and son purchased the store.

A complete list of the owners appears in another section of the research. Our research did not go into detail beyond Mr. Leasure. We did not research for descendants of Joseph Davis. If they are living they are probably in Texas. It seems that there are not any descendants of John L. Davis. John Leasure may have descendants living, we have included a telephone listing for a possible John K Leasure and John K. Leasure, Jr.

I trust that this research will be beneficial to you and to those who may use it for the year 2000.

Sincerely,

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The Auburn Improvement
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of our best business men. We
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SECRET OF BEAUTY.

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Immigration Agent, Philadel-
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especially if they take the
Havana which they have now

1856
CARRIER'S ADDRESS
To the Patrons of The DEMOCRATIC MESSENGER

JANUARY 1, 1856.

Happy to see you all alive,
Now at the close of Fifty-five;
And in a comfortable fix,
To start afresh with Fifty-six;
The CARRIER—as in former times,
For love of you—and of the dimes,
Would fain his happiness express
In fitting terms in an address.
But, sad to tell, our stock of rhymes,
Is scarcely plentier than our dimes;
But while we try, in slip-shod verse,
Some past years' events to rehearse,
Should your attention fail or flag,
Draw forth your well till'd money bag,
And take from thence a dime or quarter,
[Or more if conscience says you oughter]
And, full in my delightful view,
Just keep it, till my speech is through:
Then if you're tired (though I'll be brief)
I'll take it just for your relief.
First then—throughout the year that's gone,
Our town has been a favored one,
While Indiana has been shaking,
Till even the very frogs seemed quaking
And clattering teeth, and smiting knees,
Were heard in almost every breeze,
Though countless blue lif'd ague,
Might justly have been sent to plague us;
And with their long, cold fingers seize us
And rack, and twist, jerk and freeze us,
Till, humbled in the sight of Haven,
We bowed and prayed to be forgiven.
We felt the general scourge but slightly,
The rod has fallen on us lightly,
More lightly far than we're deserving,
So often found from duty swerving,
For gratitude we all have reason,
In the rich crops of the past season,
The farmer's ample barn, is fill'd,
And town folks get it ready mill'd,
At prices pleasing to the vendor,
Whose conscience is not over-slender.
While Mars', red banner's wide unfurl'd,
Were waving o'er the Eastern World,
And thousands have been doomed to fall
In death around Sebastopol;
With peace our country has been blest,
Save that of late in the far West,
"Fire-eaters" of the great "Missouri,"
Roused by Stringfellow to a fury,
With pistol—gun—sword—bowie-knife,
Have waged with Kansas boys a deadly strife.
Sought to prevent the hardy, honest squatter,
From playing sovereign as he ought to,
But ah! old Wilson Shannon's thunder,
Will keep the bloody rascals under.
But here at home, in peace we've lived,
And industry and trade have thrived;
Our railroad's there—and no mistake,
The company have "stuck their stake."
Sam Sanders still has his "free show;"
And Wolf is selling goods with "Joe;"
Keller and Willard—Kline and M'Bride,
In showing goods take honest pride;
Weaver, and Park, and Bowers still,
Are selling too with right good will.
Ralston and Cross, at Coe's old station,
In trade would like to beat the nation;
Rickel and Brant are proving whether,
The world wants boots and shoes and leather,
And Davis tries through thick and thin,
To furnish it with stoves and tin;
And Widney, though with sober looks,
Takes great pride in selling books.
Ben Ettinger and Henry Ford are striving
At saddlery to beat each other thriving.
Groves, Johnson and Ettingers at furniture
Are master workmen, that is very sure;
Making good clocks and watches Reyersits,
While Downs, the tailor, gives the people "fits."
Dickinson, Morris, Mott, Blake, Brinkerhoff
Of legal "cuteness" still are giving proof;
Chamberlain, Keeslar, Ford and Kimsey still,
Deal out the quinine, ipecac and pill;
Of taxes, Fosdick takes the full amount,
While "Old Boss" Pierce now audits the account;
Squire Griswold records every body's deeds,
And Sprott notes down how justice still proceeds;
Our clergy—every one of them forsooth,
Are noted for teaching the plain truth,
While I, the CARRIER—a friend to all;
Still at your doors have made my stated call
To bring the latest news fresh from the mint
So now, as I am good to take a hint;
I'll take that sixpence, shilling dime or quarter,
If you insist upon it that I ought to;
A happy new year, may your path grow brighter,
With peace and plenty, your purse ne'er grow lighter.

Good Bye.

TAX RATE

To The Tax Payers of D

In compliance with the laws of t
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Jackson Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
Poll	50	50					
Concord Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
Poll	50	50					
Newville Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
Poll	50	50					
Stafford Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
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Wilmington Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
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Union Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
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Richland Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
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Fairfield Tp	09	11	½ 05	03	01⅔		44
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Poll and Dog Tax are included in the
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	Martha L "	29	F	J					Ca
	William J "	8	M						Indian
	E D "	5	"						Ca
	Clara A Lebenzy	19	F	J					Ohio
	William Hornbeyer	20	M	J	Tinner Apprentice				Ca
	John D Mott	17	"						Indi

19	" "	Alex Otis J	41	M	W	Miller	5000	5000	Ohio
20		" Martha L	37	F	"	Keeping House			New York
21		" Otis J	13	"	"				Indiana
22		" Carrie J	11	"	"				"
23		" Lorena C	2	"	"				"
24		Lair Hugh	18	M	"	Telegraph Op't			"
25		" Conrad	15	"	"	Farm Laborer			"
26		Hooker Mary	29	F	"	Servant			Michigan

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Martha L. Davis Guard. } Sale of Realty.
To.
Hugh H. & Emmet J. Davis } (Comes now said Guardian and in obedience to the order of this Court
and upon motion made in this behalf, presents and files his report of the
sale of the real estate described in said petition of said Guardian and
order of this Court, as the undivided two thirds ⅔ of lot
Number three Hundred & six of the original plat of the town of
Cusburn, in DeKalb County Indiana, and this Court being sufficiently
advised in the premises and fully satisfied that said sale had been
made as reported, had been in all things in strict accordance with
the order of this Court. Confirms the same, and orders and directs
said Guardian to execute a conveyance of said premises to the
purchaser thereof and report the same to this Court and thereupon
said Guardian presents and files a deed of Conveyance of
said premises to said purchaser, which deed is approved by
the Court and is in these words and figures towit
Martha L. Davis, Guardian of Hugh H. & Emmet J. Davis minor
heirs of Joseph D. Davis, deceased, by order of the Court of Common Pleas
of DeKalb County Indiana, entered in Volume "B" Probate Record of said
Court at page 476, on the 22nd day of May, 1866, Convey to Theodore
H. Griswold to wit Lot Number three hundred and six
the undivided two thirds thereof on the original plat of the town
of Cusburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, for the sum of
Eighty three Dollars and thirty four 33 3/4 Cents,
Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of May 1866.

M. L. Davis
Guardian of minor heirs
J. D. Davis, deceased

{ 50¢ Revenue Stamp }

May Term. 1866.

State of Indiana DeKalb County ss, Before me personally appeared the within named Mrs. Davis known and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing deed to be her free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated. Witness my hand and notarial seal this 7th day May. 1866. J. R. Williamson Notary Public (Seal)

The undersigned Guardian and Administrator to whom order of this Court to sell and convey the real estate hereinafter described in the petition of said Guardian and Administrator to the undivided two thirds of town lot Number sixty four (64), in the original plat of the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Mill property described in the petition of said Guardian and Administrator to the undivided two thirds of the water power and mill property known as the Auburn Woolen Mills, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Saw Mill property known as the Auburn Saw Mill, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Grist Mill property known as the Auburn Grist Mill, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Foundry property known as the Auburn Foundry, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Machine Shop property known as the Auburn Machine Shop, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Planing Mill property known as the Auburn Planing Mill, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Carding Machine property known as the Auburn Carding Machine, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Dwelling House property known as the Auburn Dwelling House, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Barn property known as the Auburn Barn, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Shop property known as the Auburn Shop, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Warehouse property known as the Auburn Warehouse, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Office property known as the Auburn Office, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Stable property known as the Auburn Stable, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Shed property known as the Auburn Shed, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Fence property known as the Auburn Fence, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Gate property known as the Auburn Gate, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Well property known as the Auburn Well, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Cistern property known as the Auburn Cistern, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Pump property known as the Auburn Pump, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Trough property known as the Auburn Trough, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Tub property known as the Auburn Tub, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Bucket property known as the Auburn Bucket, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Rope property known as the Auburn Rope, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Pulley property known as the Auburn Pulley, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Belt property known as the Auburn Belt, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Shaft property known as the Auburn Shaft, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Gear property known as the Auburn Gear, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Pinion property known as the Auburn Pinion, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Crank property known as the Auburn Crank, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Connecting Rod property known as the Auburn Connecting Rod, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Piston property known as the Auburn Piston, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Cylinder property known as the Auburn Cylinder, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Valve property known as the Auburn Valve, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Steam Chest property known as the Auburn Steam Chest, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Steam Pipe property known as the Auburn Steam Pipe, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Exhaust Pipe property known as the Auburn Exhaust Pipe, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Boiler property known as the Auburn Boiler, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Engine property known as the Auburn Engine, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Fly Wheel property known as the Auburn Fly Wheel, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Governor property known as the Auburn Governor, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Throttle Valve property known as the Auburn Throttle Valve, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Steam Gauge property known as the Auburn Steam Gauge, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Water Gauge property known as the Auburn Water Gauge, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Safety Valve property known as the Auburn Safety Valve, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Blow Off property known as the Auburn Blow Off, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Feed Pump property known as the Auburn Feed Pump, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Feed Water Heater property known as the Auburn Feed Water Heater, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Smoke Stack property known as the Auburn Smoke Stack, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Foundation property known as the Auburn Foundation, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Roof property known as the Auburn Roof, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Floor property known as the Auburn Floor, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Wall property known as the Auburn Wall, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Ceiling property known as the Auburn Ceiling, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Partition property known as the Auburn Partition, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Door property known as the Auburn Door, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Window property known as the Auburn Window, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Sash property known as the Auburn Sash, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Glass property known as the Auburn Glass, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Putty property known as the Auburn Putty, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Paint property known as the Auburn Paint, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Oil property known as the Auburn Oil, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Turpentine property known as the Auburn Turpentine, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Varnish property known as the Auburn Varnish, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Brush property known as the Auburn Brush, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Broom property known as the Auburn Broom, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Mop property known as the Auburn Mop, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Duster property known as the Auburn Duster, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Feather Duster property known as the Auburn Feather Duster, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Whisk Broom property known as the Auburn Whisk Broom, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Hair Brush property known as the Auburn Hair Brush, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Tooth Brush property known as the Auburn Tooth Brush, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Nail Brush property known as the Auburn Nail Brush, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Shaving Brush property known as the Auburn Shaving Brush, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor property known as the Auburn Razor, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Strop property known as the Auburn Razor Strop, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Hone property known as the Auburn Razor Hone, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Oil property known as the Auburn Razor Oil, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Paste property known as the Auburn Razor Paste, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Powder property known as the Auburn Razor Powder, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Soap property known as the Auburn Razor Soap, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Brush property known as the Auburn Razor Brush, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Comb property known as the Auburn Razor Comb, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Mirror property known as the Auburn Razor Mirror, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Case property known as the Auburn Razor Case, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Box property known as the Auburn Razor Box, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Wrapper property known as the Auburn Razor Wrapper, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Label property known as the Auburn Razor Label, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Tag property known as the Auburn Razor Tag, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor String property known as the Auburn Razor String, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Knot property known as the Auburn Razor Knot, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Bow property known as the Auburn Razor Bow, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Ribbon property known as the Auburn Razor Ribbon, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Lace property known as the Auburn Razor Lace, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Fringe property known as the Auburn Razor Fringe, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Tassel property known as the Auburn Razor Tassel, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Button property known as the Auburn Razor Button, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Buttonhole property known as the Auburn Razor Buttonhole, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Eyelet property known as the Auburn Razor Eyelet, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Hook property known as the Auburn Razor Hook, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Eye property known as the Auburn Razor Eye, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Loop property known as the Auburn Razor Loop, situated in the town of Auburn, County of DeKalb, State of Indiana, and the undivided two thirds of the Razor Tie property known as the Auburn Razor Tie

Deaths.

—Mr. William Davis, father of our popular hardware merchant of this city, died at Indianapolis on Saturday evening last. The remains were brought to this place for burial on Tuesday. Mr. Davis has many warm friends in this city and at Wabash, this State, who will feel sorrowful over the above facts.

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7-27-1876

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3-8-1900

Hugh K. Davis.

The family of John L. Davis were shocked to learn this morning of the death of Mr. Davis' nephew, Hugh K. Davis of Hearne, Texas, which occurred yesterday morning. The deceased was born in Auburn, September 3, 1851, in the dwelling at the southwest corner of Ninth and Jackson streets. He was the sole survivor of the family of Joseph D. Davis, who located in Auburn in the fall of 1850, and engaged in the banking and hardware business at the present location of his brother, John L. Davis. Shortly after the death of his father which occurred April 15, 1865, Hugh and the family moved to Waterloo. From there he went to St. Louis, Mo., and a few years later located at Hearne, where he has since resided. He engaged in the banking business and was very successful; he was noted throughout the state for his honesty and uprightness. He was a candidate for state treasurer in 1896.

—A letter to Edna Davis, from a son of Hugh Davis at Hearne, Texas, says Hugh has been ailing eight months the and for the past six weeks has been seriously sick. His many friends here will be pained to learn this.

His Life.

Giles Thompson Abbey, son of Alanson Abbey and Lucy Daggett, was born near Clyde, in Sandusky county, Ohio, November 24, 1827. He came with his parents to Steuben county, in the autumn of 1838 and settled on the south side of Pleasant Lake on section 22 in Steuben township.

He attended school at Clyde, Ohio, at Pleasant Lake, and at the LaGrange Collegiate Institute, conducted by Rufus Patch at Ontario, and taught school for six years. In 1850 he was married to Martha A. Long. Their two daughters are Ella J., wife of Wellington H. Hollister, of Waterloo, and Carrie J., now Mrs. John B. Parsell, of Angola.

He owned a farm one mile north of Pleasant Lake and a large farm near Flint, which he sold to Daniel Benninghoff. He then rented and operated the flouring mills at Flint and Union Mills, now Mongo, for three years and returned to the farm near Pleasant Lake where in 1864 his wife died. Mr. Abbey moved to Waterloo in 1867, and was employed in a flouring mill, also engaged in the livery business, and when the Fort Wayne, Jackson & Saginaw R. R. was completed in 1871, became its first agent, and then for twenty-seven years was cashier and bookkeeper in the DeKalb Bank.

In 1867 he married Martha Davis There were two children of this marriage — Edith L., wife of Albert F. Theiss, of Memphis, Tenn., and Earl G. of Kansas City, Missouri. His second wife died in 1884.

After leaving the bank he retired to a small farm near Waterloo and married Sophronia McEntarffer, who died in 1909. Since that event he has been most of the time in the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Parsell in Angola, where he died at 11:30 p. m., April 28, 1921, aged 93 years, 5 months and 4 days. He was the last of a family of eight children, his brothers and sisters being Henrietta, Lucy, Jacob D., Nancy George, J., Minerva, and Harvey. Besides his four children, all of whom were present at the funeral, he leaves twelve grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Such it the short sketch of a life that has extended over nearly a century, of one who has accepted a man's responsibilities and has done a man's work in transforming an almost unbroken wilderness into a community of prosperous, happy and contented homes. Always kind and polite and considerate to all in life, he approached the end with faith in God, and welcomed the change that brought rest and quiet to the weary body and mind.

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EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Section D (con't.)

Lot #37 OPEN

Lot #38 OPEN

Lot #39 PORTER, Nancy J., wife of G.A., d. May 8, 1837, ae 31y, 4m, 16d
George A., d. Aug. 10, 1896, ae 64y, 3m, 8d, Co.O. 101 Ohio Inf.

Lot #39 MYERS, Philip O., b. 1848, d. 1901, Co.I. 164 Ohio N.G.I.

Lot #40 OPEN

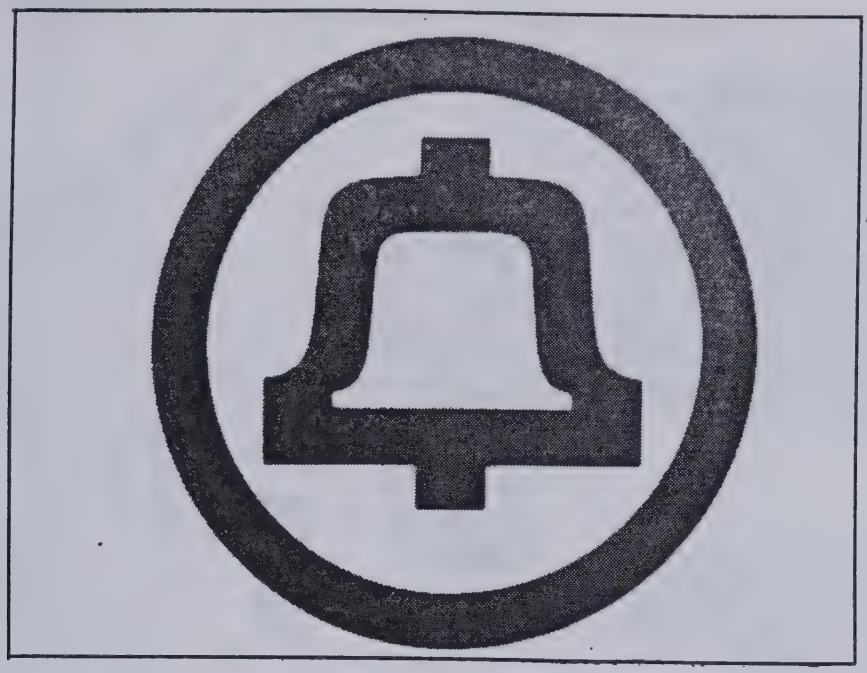
Lot #41 GONSER, Harry, son of D. and C.E., d. Jan. 21, 1878, ae 6m, 22d

Lot #41 KRUEGER, Fred Sr., d. Dec. 19, 1835, d. Aug. 9, 1903
Hannah, his wife, Apr. 26, 1838, Mar. 24, 1917

Lot #42 OPEN

Lot #43 DAVIS, Deborah W. (Dutcher), wife of William, d. Oct. 23, 1868, ae 61y, 2m, 8d
Mary (Blakesley), dau. of William, d. Dec. 24, 1843, ae 6y, 11m, 21d
William, d. July 22, 1878, ae 85y, 3m, 16d

Lot #44 DAVENPORT, John, son of F.E. and G.A., d. July 29, 1877, ae 2y, 1m, 11d
John Gould, son of F.E. and C.B., d. July 29, 1877, ae 2y, 1m, 11d
Infant son of F.E. and C.B., d. June 18, 1878



14.6 TELEPHONE COMPANIES

We all know that Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1875. How soon did telephones appear in DeKalb County? What affect has the device had on the lives of our ancestors and ourselves?

June 2, 1875, was the day that Bell and his assistant Thomas A. Watson established that the human voice could be transmitted electrically over a wire. His patent application was filed February 14, 1876, and was granted March 7, 1876. Patent number 174,465 has been described as the most valuable patent ever issued.

The Bell interests quickly decided that they would not sell their devices but would rent them to subscribers. They acquired Western Electric Company to manufacture the equipment. Local exchanges were established in the early 1880's in the East. Transmission over any distance was difficult and unsatisfactory at first.

The Bell interests soon proceeded to build a universal system of telephones. They concentrated on the populated areas, which were more profitable, neglecting the rural areas of America.

When their basic patent expired after seventeen years, the field was wide open for competition, especially in the rural areas. It was after that when the telephone industry started to grow rapidly to DeKalb County.

John L. Davis is credited with establishing the first telephone in DeKalb County. Davis owned the Pioneer Hardware in Auburn and Garrett. In 18—— he entered the banking business and established private banks in conjunction with his hardware stores. Quick and frequent communication between the establishments in Auburn and Garrett was necessary. In 1886 he installed a telephone system between Auburn and Garrett. Others were permitted to use his telephone for communication between the two towns.

In 1893 the Auburn facilities were sold to C. W. Camp, and the Garrett facilities were sold to D. C. Van Fleit.

14.6A Auburn Telephone Companies

The Auburn equipment was moved to the G. W. Lackey store in Auburn. Later in 1893 the Central Union Telephone Company, a Bell System Company, constructed toll lines connecting Auburn and Kendallville to Fort Wayne. The old Davis line provided connections to Garrett. The toll station in Auburn was installed in the F. E. Davenport Drugstore. In 1896 Central Union installed a switchboard in the Davenport Drugstore and opened the first exchange in DeKalb County. There were originally 15 subscribers. By 1900 the list had grown to 293 subscribers.

The Home Telephone Company was organized in 1896 and established telephone competition in Auburn. In 1900 Home installed two sections of Sterling Electric Company Magnet Switchboard. By 1908 Home had 458 subscribers, and by 1910 had 650 subscribers.

For many years Auburn residents could have either a Bell phone or a Home phone. The systems were not interconnected. If one had a Bell phone, only other Bell subscribers could be called; and, likewise, if one had a Home phone,

The City National Bank was orginally located on west side of square.

holding company of Fort Wayne National Bank of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The officers and directors of Citizens State Bank remained the same.

31.2 A6 City National Bank

The City National Bank was organized on August 2, 1902, by William H. McIntyre, Timothy J. Knisely, Franklin Davenport, Francis M. Hines, M. D., and Isaac M. Zent. The original charter was for twenty years which necessitated a reorganization on July 1, 1922.

The City National Bank occupied the handsome classic bank building at the northwest corner of Main and Eighth Streets until the present building at South VanBuren Street was built in the1970's.

A branch bank was opened on West Seventh Street.

Those who have served as president of the City National Bank are as follows:

W. H. McIntyre	1902-1907
F. M. Hines, M. D.	1907-1931
Warren Lige	1931-1951
Phillip Carper	1936-1951
Hugh Carper	1951-1967
James Carper	1968-Present

31.2 A7 Commercial Bank Of Ashley

The commercial Bank of Ashley was reorganized in 1910 with capital of $10,000. No further information has been found concerning this bank.

31.2 A8 John L. Davis Bank

John L. Davis was the proprietor of the Pioneer Hardware in Auburn and also had a store in Garrett. In connection with his stores he conducted a private banking business. The 1885 **History of DeKalb County** states: "John L. Davis does an extensive banking business."

31.2 A9 DeKalb Bank

See DeKalb County Bank and McClellan Bank.

The Following articles are taken from W. H. McIntosh's articles in the Auburn Courier From the period 1891-1893
Researcher's notes are in parenthesis. Since people make history, the following information is included in this research.

1845

(Note the 1845 article was written in 1891 and the J. L. Davis store was in existence in 1891 not in 1845).

Pioneer sketches said "old Mr. Hart kept a doggery near where **J. L. Davis** has his hardware store. In list of allowances made by the board of commissioners in 1845, we find William Hart allowed 75 cts. For one bottle of pepper sauce for a pauper. If this was the same party S. Widney alluded to it would seem that he had the material to make his drinks hot as well as stimulating to customers.

1852

(Note: **J. D. Davis** was most likely doing business as a hardware store; but may not have named the store until 1852. This is supposition.)

There were in business at this time Stiefel & Wolf enterprising men, who had a large trade and rose to considerable prosperity in a few years; John Butt, Valentine Weaver and R. B. Catlin. **J. D. Davis** this year started what is yet known as the Pioneer Hardware store in a frame building which stood on the site of the present brick block owned and occupied by **John L. Davis**, an enterprising business man and private banker.

1860

Messrs. Smith & Ingraham erected a framed building and prepared to go into the hardware trade a business that had been carried on for years by **J. Dutcher Davis** at the DeKalb county Hardware and stove emporium on site of the **Davis Pioneer Hardware store** but on record being make of their further venture, it may be taken for granted that Dame Fortune did not prosper them.

1863

The contract price for he new court house was $23,372.00 to be paid one-half cash and one-half county orders, in monthly installments not to exceed 80 per cent, of estimated work done. No additions to increase contract price sought be made except as presented in writing and approved by the county commissioners who were to superintend the work.

To be prepared for emergencies retaining fees were paid to James B. Morrison, William H. Dills, John Morris and Andrew Ellison. Their services were not needed.

The contract required that the stone work five feet form the ground should be done by Nov. 1st, following and the court house to be finished by Dec. 1, 1864.

A bond for faithful performance of the contract in the sum of $10,000.00 was signed by S. W. Sprott, **J. L. Davis**, J.N. Miller, J. R. Cosper and John Ralston.

1864

Early in May, number of prominent democrats organized as a corporation to be known as "The DeKalb County Newspaper Company," for the purpose of publishing a newspaper which should be devoted to the true interests of the people of our county and the sound principles of the National Union Democracy."
Among leading stockholder were Messrs. Sprott, Ralston, Waterman, Butt, John Ralston and Freeman Kelley. The executive committee was composed of S. W. Sprott, John Brandon, John Butt and S. W. Ralston.

The company was fortunate in effecting the purchase of a press and material nearly new and The DeKalb Democrat once more came into a term of existence to be destroyed in time by fire as had happened to the Democratic Messenger.

The office was located up stairs over Eldridge's, one of the block of framed buildings that till 1867, extended northward form Rhodes' brick store to **J. D. Davis' hardware**

On December 20, 1864, a number of substantial citizens of Auburn and vicinity formed as association for the purpose of manufacturing woolen goods.

The founders and stockholders of this enterprise were S. W. Sprott, John Brandon, Christian Buss, Thomas D. Gross, Sylvester Kutzner, Lewis Bower, **Joseph D. Davis** and Christian Sheets.

1865

Later, Mr. Robbins was invaluable to **John L. Davis of the Pioneer Hardware** store as his book keeper; served with credit and popular satisfaction a term as county auditor and for some years has been a part owner and the cashier of the Farmers Bank, whose fine building occupies the northwest corner of Main and Seventh streets. He is a representative townsman, active in religious and business enterprises, polite and approachable in manner and enjoys the respect of the community and the confidence of the public in a marked degree

J. D. Davis died this year and **John L. Davis** succeeded to the control of the hardware store, which following a disastrous fire was rebuilt in brick and has been enlarged, improved and kept well stocked with the latest modern belongings to such a store, increased proportionately to the necessities of a growing town.

1866

The vote at the municipal election was 122. It was nearly equally divided and the increased number indicated growth of population. Party lines were broken as has frequently been the case down to the present, and in a vote of 62 republican, to 59 democrats, Jacob Walborn was chosen

one of the town's trustees, the other being Griswold, Stahl, Myer and Lowry. Albert Robbins was elected clerk, **John L. Davis, Assessor**; John Otto, treasurer, and William Hunes, marshal

1867

The fire that during the winter of '67 and '68 burned out Messrs. Hare, Eldridge and **Davis**, at the same time destroyed the office and the press of the Democrat. Mr. Coe removed and once again Auburn was for a brief time without a paper. One H.D. Carroll essayed to publish a newspaper which he called the Democrat in 1868, but it proved a failure and was soon discontinued leaving behind no chance copy, no remembrance scarcely to the unfortunate publisher.

In Feb. '67, **John L. Davis** of Auburn, received the appointment of agent of the M. W. Express office in his hardware store, and for many years furnished extended facilities for the transaction of business of this character. The public were under great obligations to him for this improvement and gave him their patronage till recently when increasing trade and other business led to the transfer of express matters to others.

1868

On the night of January 16th, a fire broke out in a building west of the public square and leveled to ashes the entire wooden row between Eighth and Ninth streets to the Case block. In this fire were swept away the **Davis hardware store**, C. S. Hare's shoe shop and Eldridges saloon. The brick building narrowly escaped destruction. A second newspaper office went up in flame and smoke as the Democrat was published in the second story of the Eldridge building. Howard Coe was out of a job; again Auburn was without a home paper, woolen factory blended their soothing influence with nature. Children now arrived at manhood and active in business at home or in far away localities, daily went and came from the old academy, the tones of whose bell had grown to be with all things else, so harmoniously

1872

"Auburn is the county seat of DeKalb county, Indiana. For years, it appeared to be in a state of decline in consequence of the failure of the Eel River Railroad being completed some twenty years ago while the neighboring town of Waterloo was enjoying unrivaled the advantages of the Southern Michigan railroad. But a change has taken place for the better that will make this one of the most thriving and pleasant places in that state.

The location through Auburn of the Fort Wayne, Jackson & Saginaw railroad, a line that has been in operation two ;years, the completion of the Eel River road to within a short distance, and the almost certainly of the Baltimore & Ohio extension to Chicago touching the town to the south, have combined to give the town an impetus wholly unexpected by those who for a few years had not seen Auburn. **(J. L. Davis was instrumental in the railroads progress in Auburn)**.

In January, the question of organizing a building and loan association to enable those limited in means to acquire homes and incidentally to build up the town, began to be agitated. The scheme was favorably regarded and by the close of February, measures were so well advanced that success was assured. Two months later, the requisite amount of stock had been subscribed; organization had been effected and articles of the "Auburn Building and Saving Association" had been filed with the secretary of state.

The charter fixed the capital stock at $100,00 divided in 500 shares of $200 each. The directors for the first year were Wm. McIntyre, **John L. Davis**, Thomas C. Mays, Joseph Albright, Jacob B. Casebeer, Daniel Z. Hoffman, Christopher S. Hare, Henry C. Peterson and Albert Robbins. J.B. Casebeer was elected president. T. C. Mays secretary and W. McIntryre, Treasurer. The meetings at which a fund accumulated by payment of monthly installments, was offered at auction, were scenes of much enthusiasm as the accrued funds were struck of to the shareholder who bid the greatest premium. Each loan was secured by mortgage on real estate and interest was paid monthly.

1873

John L. Davis in the Pioneer Hardware store, in touch with the spirit of progress, increased his stock heavily to keep abreast with growing demands in his line of trade and among other articles received a shipment of three car loads of stoves of superior quality and the use of coal measurably increased until very many homes as well as business houses are so heated and the days of cord wood, as of the wood sawyer, are ended.

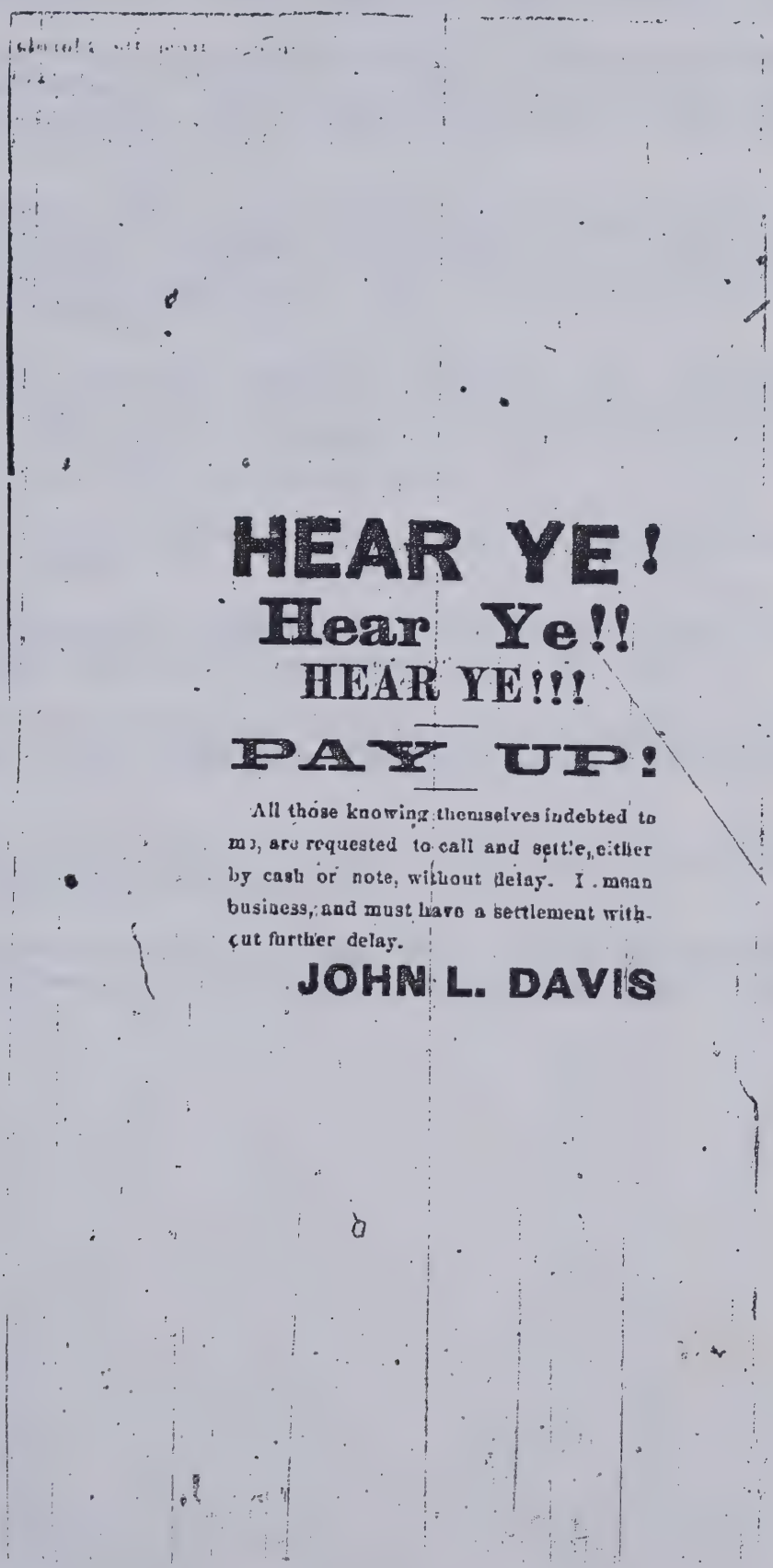
1875

It will be remembered that a crisis had arrived respecting the extension of the Eel River railroad to Butler from the Junction, and a quantity of subscriptions had to be obtained or the work would not be done. At this juncture, four Auburn citizens, in a spirit far above selfishness and anxious only for the welfare of the town, volunteered to become personally responsible for such an amount of stock subscriptions as were required to make up the deficit which was about $4,000.

The road was duly built, but the men who had stepped forward to shoulder the responsibility for probable shortage were left to bear the brunt of payment for their liberality. Those citizens who especially merit a record of public spirit and self denial were John H. Ford, **John L., Davis**, Frank D. Ryan and Samuel Sprott. In the spring of 1877, a committee consisting of John P. Widney, A. L. Hollopeter and W, McIntyre was appointed to audit accounts between these guarantors and the railroad company. Their report showed $18,000 collected and paid, and $3,5000 still owing, which was made good from their personal resources.

NEWS FROM THE AUBURN COURIER

John L. Davis our clever and entertaining hardware merchant, is out on a call of his numerous patrons, this week. Read about it in another column Auburn Weekly Courier February 9, 1871 Page 3



HEAR YE!

Hear Ye!!

HEAR YE!!!

PAY UP!

All those knowing themselves indebted to me, are requested to call and settle, either by cash or note, without delay. I mean business, and must have a settlement without further delay.

JOHN L. DAVIS

The Pioneer Hardware store is doing a good business. Mr. Davis is a businessman, and knows how a first class hardware store should be conducted. His display of agricultural implements is very find, and we doubt not as good selection can be made here as in Fort Wayne. Auburn. Courier Page 3 May 4, 1871

Notice to Wagon Makers – the Pioneer Hardware has just received a large invoice of iron seat and buggy springs axles and skeins, dry hubs and spokes, etc. which will be sold at reduced prices. Go to Davis for all goods of this character. Also, a large assortment of paints, sash doors, glass, oils, etc. at lowest prices. Auburn Courier July 27, 1871 Page. 3

J. L. Davis, our popular hardware merchant has supplied us with a neat mouse trap, which sets itself and will catch itself full of mice, providing there is mice enough around. The first night we caught six, but the number has been reduced since because the supply is about exhausted. It is the best mouse trap extant Auburn Courier August 18, 1871. Page 3.

The excellent iron fence recently erected on the residence of John L. Davis, Esq. our popular hardware merchant is so durable, handsome and attractive, that other of our citizens are fashioning after it. Auburn Courier June 27, 1872. (In the City Directory of Auburn for 1908—Louisa, widow of John L. lived at 211 North Jackson-daughter Edna A. listed at same address.)

John L. Davis, Esq. And family returned home yesterday from a brief visit to Buffalo. Auburn Courier January 30, 1873. Page 5

John L. Davis has just fitted up a fine vehicle for the purpose of hauling spouting. He has a large trade in this line, and is highly recommended for doing good work. July 17, 1873. Page 5

John L. Davis furnished the plate glass in Hebel's new building as well as that used in C. C. Shaffer's new furniture store in Albion. The glass is very fine and of a superior quality. DeKalb Democrat August 31, 1882.

The new heater recently purchased of J. L Davis is a grand success. The Concordies put on city airs. From the Concord briefs in the Auburn Courier, January 5, 1883.

John L. Davis has been a pioneer in the work of DeKalb county, and is entitled to the election of Treasurer. Vote for John L. Davis, and he will discharge the duties of the office faithfully. Waterloo Press October 28, 1886.

Our Gallery of Illustrated Election Returns.

Carlton
11-4-1856

Davis feeding his Smithfield lambs.

TOWNSHIPS AND PRECINCTS.	SHERIFF.				AUDITOR.			TREASURER.		
	John J Baxter.	K Garrison.....	L S Bassett....	Wm L Meese..	Cyrus C Walter.	Chas Sullivan..	P A Shurts....	S J Brandon...	John L Davis..	S P Klotz.....
Butler	81	89	3	8	113	63	8	81	89	8
Jackson	189	122		10	193	116	8	172	144	6
Concord S. .	120	113		6	119	114	4	118	114	6
Concord N..	119	127		8	125	119	9	118	129	7
Newville....	66	113		1	90	90	1	62	117	1
Stafford	67	66			65	64		64	70	
Wilm'gt'n N.	111	304		11	152	266	10	178	238	11
Wilm'gt'n S.	162	206		7	169	198	7	166	202	7
Waterloo E.	145	169	1	13	143	170	12	147	172	11
Waterloo W.	74	80	3	4	79	79	4	81	77	4
Auburn S....	180	128		18	200	112	14	168	149	11
Auburn N....	155	141		18	157	136	21	135	164	15
Richland	190	142		6	206	126	6	195	135	8
Fairfield	235	116		1	237	114	1	229	120	1
Smithfield ..	159	110	2		150	126	1	148	127	1
Franklin	134	140		14	127	148	14	133	144	14
Troy	55	86			55	87		55	87	1
Keyser E....	158	173		6	149	191	6	172	164	5
Keyser W ..	120	288		21	115	302	17	147	264	22
Total.....	2520	2713	9	152	2644	2621	143	2569	2706	139
Plurality .		193			23				137	

Railroad Meeting.

Last Friday there was a meeting here in the interest of the proposed extension of the Wabash road from Auburn Junction to Chicago. It had been the work of but a day or two, to get the matter thus far started, but Albion and Ligonier were both well represented. As many as could be seen of our own people were notified, and they all showed a lively interest in the matter. At 1:30 the meeting convened in the office of Hon. W. H. Dills, who was made chairman of the meeting at the suggestion of J. L. Davis. Mr. Dills made a brief speech stating the cause of the meeting. Mr. Davis, by request, then stated what he knew of the contemplated movement. He said it had been certain for some time that the Wabash would build an independent line, to Chicago, and that this line, would leave the main line of this, the Detroit division either at Montpelier, or at Auburn Junction. If at the latter place, it would probably run north of the B. & O. opening up the country between that line and the Lake Shore line. J. A. Barns of the COURIER and W. B. Campbell of the Dispatch were made secretaries. E. B. Gerber, of Ligonier, was the next speaker. He had attended a meeting at Montpelier last year, and found the people there wide awake, and feeling sure the road would be built from that point. They had raised the necessary money, and would make a hard fight. Mr. Davis, spoke of the trip he and Mr. Ensley had made to Detroit, some time ago, to see Mr. Joy, the president of the Wabash. Joy had given no promise, but from his talk they felt encouraged. Mr. Dills spoke of the common interests between railroads and the people. No matter how independent the railroads are, they look to the people for support, and so each depends on the other. Their interests are identical. The people along the proposed line should be consulted, and especially the towns. Alluding to the assistance a railway gives in the way of taxes, he drew from Mr. Davis, county treasurer, that the railroads of this county pay about one-sixth of the taxes, or over $25,000. Mr. Dills also alluded to the advantage to the people of competing lines, by saying that when the Air Line road had all the business for this county, it cost 13 cents to send a bushel of wheat to Toledo; but when our competing lines were in operation, the rate fell at once to 7 cents. So a new line would benefit, Garrett, Avilla, Albion, Ligonier, New Paris, Wakarusa, etc. Mr. Barns made some remarks suggesting that an account of business done by railroads at the points interested should be procured, to be used as an inducement to build the road along the proposed route. Mr. Campbell followed up this suggestion by reading from the report he had just secured from the different railroads of Auburn, showing that their total business in 1889 showed an increase of about 30 per cent. over that done the year before. Mr. Rose said that since the Canada Pacific road had made arrangements to send their traffic over the Wabash, they had found they must get a better connection or line into Chicago, and there was not the least doubt but the extension would be built. But we must do something more than talk. What the railroad people would listen to was something tangible. We should organize a company and have the proposed line surveyed, then go to the Wabash officers and show them the proposed work, and its desirable features, its probable cost, &c. The survey should extend to the Albion line. H. C. Peterson said Albion was willing to do her full share. J. T. Johnston, civil engineer, spoke of the necessary surveys, and the necessity of having something definite to work from. He has had a good deal of experience in this kind of business having surveyed the "Gold Spike" and other contemplated lines. Gerber and Fisher, of Ligonier have had some correspondence with Joy, President of the Wabash road, who answers, that he does not know what will be done in regard to the proposed new line into Chicago. Gerber says he is authorized to say that his township, Perry, in which Ligonier is, will vote a 2 per cent tax to help the road. They expect it will go on the south side of their town. From various remarks, it was admitted that the line from Montpelier along the old Canada Southern roadbed, is 4 miles shorter, than a line by way of Auburn Junction. But the line via Auburn would have many advantages, giving the new road the business of many more, and larger towns and presenting also, a better and cheaper line to build. Davis made a motion that we organize a company, and this carried. Motion by Rose, that a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to prepare articles of incorporation, and make other necessary arrangements; carried. The chair appointed, Peterson of Albion, chairman of the committee, the other members, being E. B. Gerber and C. V. Iuks of Ligonier, J. L. Davis of Auburn, and on motion of Davis, Mr. Dills was made the other member from this place. Davis and Gerber were selected to notify parties along the line, at Garrett, Avilla, Benton, Wakarusa, New Paris, Stillwell, etc., of the date and place of next meeting. It was then decided that the next meeting, the one at which the organization is to be completed will be held in the court house in Albion, on Friday of this week, Jan. 17, at 1 p. m. The meeting then adjourned. There was quite a large attendance. M. E. Griswold of Montpelier was present a part of the time, and evidently took a lively interest in the matter, as he is one of the leading business men of his place, and working to get the line built from that point. From Ligonier were: Hon. E. B. Gerber, Frank Bothwell and Hon. Orlando Kimmel. From Albion, were Jackson D. Black, J. J. Martin, Charles Howard, H. [illegible]. Peterson, Frederick Acus, Rocco Garrammone, Richard Williams, Albert Shurrey, Ezra Shaffer, C. N. Summerlin, Edwin Engle, James T. Johnston, John A. Shurrey. Probably owing to the hasty call and very short notice, Garrett and Avilla were not represented. But pains will be taken to secure a good representation from both at the next meeting. It is the belief of those present that this line will be built but that it will take some aid to secure it.

Ligonier Banner Jan 12, 1890

Auburn Courier 7-13-1893

The Davis Hardware Failure.

One of the unfortunate things in a business community is the seemingly inevitable condition that will now and then cause a business man to fail. Such a condition seems to have overtaken John L. Davis. He has been in the hardware business here nearly a generation, and now at last, finds himself in trouble and has had to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Frank E. Davenport was made assignee on Monday and as soon as his bond is accepted by the court, will be in charge both here and at Garrett. The trouble is caused partly by the poor business of the past year, and partly by the panicky times that we are now in. It cannot be called a bank failure, for though for many years Mr. Davis has received money on deposit and has bought and sold drafts, etc., yet we believe he has not been in the habit of loaning money to any great extent. We understand the money received on deposit has, in general, been kept in his hardware business only. He has a hardware store at Garrett similar to the one here, and has also done some bank business there. He has, in all, a great deal of property, which we are told will be used to save his creditors from loss. Parties in a position to know, say he has more than property enough to do this, and that he has good accounts due him at the store to more than pay all his outside debts due for goods, besides a large sum of other accounts that are not so good, but a part of which will no doubt be collected. This will leave the great bulk of his property to pay those he is indebted to here, in other words, his depositors. The trouble does not in any way affect the two banks in Auburn. Their business is as staunch as ever and people know it. And we do not apprehend it will affect the factories here to any great extent, possibly not at all, for we believe they can get money at the banks as usual, should they need it. Mr. Davenport had the store at Garrett closed on Monday, and the one here on Tuesday, and they will remain closed till an invoice is taken under order of court, which may mean a weeks or even longer. Mr. Davis, as a business man, has been long and favorably known, and our business men and people generally sympathyze with him in his misfortunes and hope they will be only temporary.

Edwin L. Davis assignment

State of Indiana } ss.
DeKalb County }

In the matter of the assignment of Edwin L. Davis to Frank E. Davenport. Assignee } In DeKalb Circuit Court May Term. 1897. Frank E. Davenport

Assignee of Edwin L. Davis in account for final settlement charges Court that he is chargeable with the following items

Cash received from Invoice	[illegible]
" " " Rents	2[illegible]2.02
" " " Interest	[illegible]2.97
Cash from sale of personal property Henderson Hall & Garrett sold to Mountz	[illegible]
Safe sold to W Boland.	2[illegible]0.00
Timmons tools to Clark Tillers	7[illegible]0.00
Charcoal " " "	[illegible]5.00
Goods sold at Retail at auburn.	38[illegible]6.50
Telephone line Lackey & Camp.	[illegible]0.00
Oil Shed.	2[illegible]0.00
Timmons tools at Auburn.	1[illegible]0.00
Hardware Stock Auburn to E. Davis	20[illegible]0.00
Cash received from Sale Real Estate Book No 3 Page 167	
P.P. Auburn. to E. Davis	[illegible]0.00
Lot 23 Block 25 Garrett to P.A. Randle.	20.50.00
Part of Lot 24 25 Garrett to McCord	[illegible]5.00
" " " 24 25 " " P.A. Randle	[illegible]1.00
Lot 16 Robertsons add to Auburn. to F.H. Ewing	[illegible]5.00
" 28 " " " " " J.M. Baxter	[illegible]7.00
Part of Lot 64 P.P. Auburn. to E Butler	17[illegible]0.00
" " " 64 " " " P.A. Randle	[illegible]2.20.00
Deed	" F.A Hopf Comd Recg.

Tom E. Davis Assignee

Accounts Receivable as per Schedule No 6 Hartman	
" " " " " 29 " McClellan	
Cash received in full of Ind. N.S. & J. Hunsleman	42458
" " Iowa Building & Loan Association	2460
" " " Insurance Policy surrendered	300
" " " Jones McClellan not invoiced	350
" Collections on accts. Judgments. Liens &c	130706
" Received from private sale of hardware as per	778988
Total	$ 39016.17
Said assignee asks Credit for money paid out as follows	
As shown in report No 1 filed Jany 2/94	
Vouchers No 1 To 71 inclusive	35555
As shown in report No 2 filed Aug 20/94 Vouchers 72 To 130 inclusive	9806.97
as shown in report No 3 filed Dec 3/94 Vouchers	
132 To 144 inclusive	7609.90
as shown by report No 4 filed Aug 19/95	
Vouchers 145 To 152 inclusive	6729.50
Buchanan allowance for his services as	
allowed in report No 2	1150.00
as allowed in report No 4	600.00
Asks Credit for moneys paid out	
as shown by Vouchers.	
98 E. T. Myers atty	Dismissed
99 W. Moody Clerk	"
100 " " "	"
101 A. Williams Recorder	"
102 W. Moody Clerk	"
103 " "	"
104 J. E. & L. H. Rose.	"
105 W. J. Moody Clerk	"
106 J. Mathews	"

Continued

Assignee's 2d to R.L. Crane in the case of
said Assignee shows that DeKalb County, Indiana purchased
certain real estate of said estate for $10000. and that he refused to
pay the same into said Estate & Court allowed Assignee the sum of $ 7000.00
Said Assignee shows that there is due to Samuel J. Tanney
Auditor of Jackson Township in said County, Costs to
the amount of about $ 300
And said Assignee shows that he has paid to
the Clerk of said Court the amount in his hands, and
filed Voucher.
Michael T. Long.

" " "

1300.01
575.00

Assignee shows that he has fully discharged his trust
and he has reduced all assets to Cash, and in
his said several Reports has shown all of his
disbursements, and that there is now no funds
or property in his hands, and he asks that the
Report be approved and he be discharged.
F.E. Davenport A.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of
July. 1897.
M.T. Long Clerk

AUBURN, DeKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

Auburn Courier
3-3-1898

Some of Her Enterprising Dealers.

THE LINE OF GOODS CARIED

Reliable Dealers and Worthy of Your Patronage.

This handsome little city with its electric lights, water works and other modern advantages. is county seat of DeKalb County Indiana. It has many advantages for manufacturers, as it is upon the following three railroads. The Baltimore & Ohio main line, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, Fort Wayne Division, and the Wabash, St. Louis & Detroit Line.

The shipping facilities at Auburn Junction are as good as those at any point in this state. New industries such as a starch factory, beet sugar factory, clothing factory and etc would thrive here. This is a city of considerable manufacturing industry already. It has several wind mill factories stove works, wood working establishments, Flouring mills and three large carriage factories, large foundry, saw mills, etc.

As a Farmers Market for Grain, Stock Produce, Etc.

This place has no superior in Northern Indiana, Farmers for many miles around avail themselves of the many privileges enjoyed at Auburn to sell all the products of the farm from poultry and stock, to grain, fruit, vegetables, etc. The highest market prices are paid here for anything and everything the farmers raise.

Likewise the opportunities for purchasing goods are better at Auburn than anywhere else we know of. The following merchants are especially commendable as liberal and reliable dealers.

FRANK FANNING, PRINCESS STORE,

is a decidedly popular dealer in groceries here. He has extra fine assortments of fancy and staple groceries fine teas, coffees, spices, canned fruits vegetables provisions, dining room necessities, fine queensware to please the most fastidious customer, handkerchiefs, stamped goods, standard stationery notions etc, He has a large stock which affords customers good advantages and prices as low as the markets will afford. This is a tried and true dealer who has won many friends and customers by transacting business in a straight forward manner. This enterprising and well appreciated business gentleman has the elements to produce success. He takes pride in extending all the advantages possible and consistent with mercantile progress; thus giving unexcelled opportunities to all who patronize his line, He is a reliable dealer whose headquarters should be seen for good tranactions.

F. E. DAVENPORT.

Dealer in drugs, chemicals, pharmacentical preparations, druggist's sundries, all the new remedies used in medical science; also all proprietary medicines of acknowledged merit, a large variety perfumery, toilet articles, physicians, supplies, confections, smokers supplies, wall paper etc. The prescription department is under the immediate supervision of this competent and experienced pharmacist, who alone handles and fills all perscription With the constant adulteration of goods in this line, when an establishment is found that carries strictly pure goods, it always enjoys the best of patronage of its locality, and this is true of this establishment, carrying only the finest line of goods in the market, and occupies the leading position it justly deserves. He is a dealer of enterprise capability and correct business experience who makes many friends and has been established here successfully for thirty years.

C. L. BAUER, MODEL BAKERY

Has a firstclass bakery which is highly appreciated. He always has on hands choice invoices of fresh bread, pies, buns, cake, confections etc. He is a fair and square citizen who is experienced in this business and invariably gives satisfaction. His establishment is neat and inviting to all classes of people and he is a highly esteemeddeal er to patronize. This competent and reliable dealer has pleasant modes of conducting business. He gives his customers the benefit of all the best to be had in his lines, He enjoys a widespread reputation for appropriate dealings. Now is an excellent time to see this popular citizen.

MESSRS. RAUT & CO.

Dealears in boots and shoes have a model establishment here. Those who want the finest shoes, boots, childrens shoes, bedal adornments, and everything from rubbers and overshoes, to felt boots, find this a most satisfactory place to do their trading as this firm deals with a constant intention to giving their customers the most substantial and desirable merchandise in his line. They are regarded by the trade which they represent as important factors in selling new styles and the most approved goods. At this season, during the coming week will be a good time to visit this admirable store and secure such goods as you desire in this class of merchandise. They always however deal upon honor and will render satisfactory dealings toall.

MESSRS FISCHLER & SON.

Proprietors of a drug store. No branch of business is more important to the community at large than that of the druggist and this house is one of its most prominent representatives. It is always supplied with a full and comprehensive line of pure drugs, chemicals, perfumes, toilet articles, novelties and a complete stock of all the proprietary remedies of acknowledged merit and standard reputation; instruments, druggists' sundries and physicians' supplies. This house is endorsed by the leading physicians on account of the reliabilily and purity of its drugs and scientific service of its prescription dedepartment, where the utmost caution is taken in compounding medicines of all kinds; also a stock of wall paper, books and standard stationery on hand. The proprietors are correct business gentlemen who make many friends. They have been pharmacists for years and in business here for three years.

MR. JOHN L. DAVIS.

Mr. John L. Davis has a successful and appreciated hardware establishment here. This is a good place for persons to come when they desire satisfactory and up-to-date stoves, heavy hardware mechaics and builders hardware and everything useful and ornamental from tin, sheet iron, copper, japanned and granite wares to metallic merchandise in general, paints oils, etc. It is now a favorable time to call and see this popular dealer in regard to anything you need from shovles to wire fencing.

DR. F. W. HOFFMAN

Dr. F. W. Hoffman has his dental parlors in this place. He is a well read professional gentleman who has had varied culture. He gives the people who patronize him, superior advantages. All who desire extracting, filling plate and bridge work or dentistry in general, find this a dentist who has many merits. He is liberal in his prices and correct in his modes, being an up-to-date professional gentleman. He enjoys a popular and efficient career in in this line and renders himself a public spirited citizen. Now is a good time to see him and have your teeth attended to.

MR. W. C NCNABB.

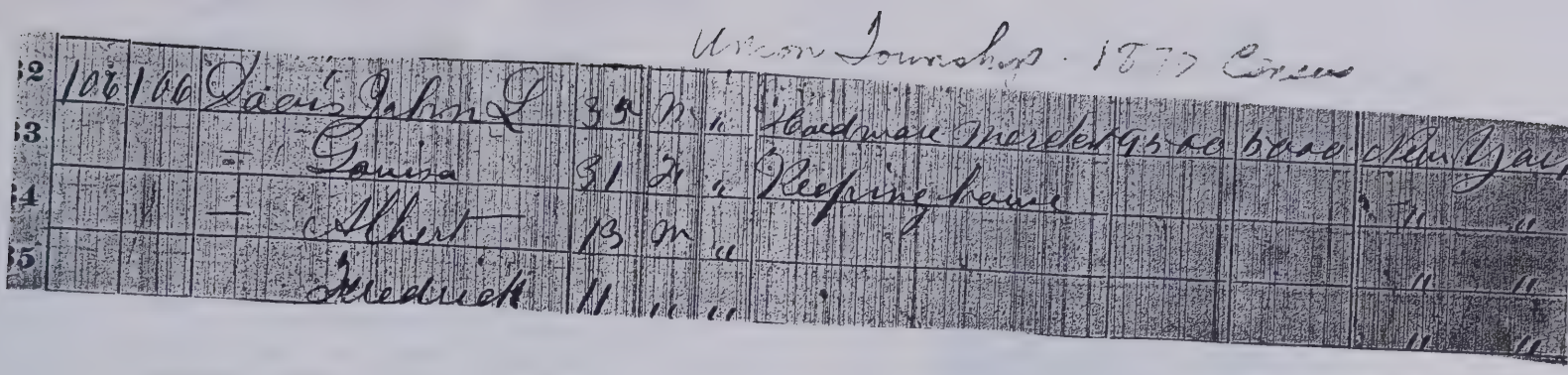
The obliging and efficient proprietor of two attractive meat markets is successful in pleasing his customers. He keeps fresh, salt and smoked meats sausages and meat merchandise of all kinds adapted to the wants of the people of this vicinity. These are good markets to patronize and the proprietor is an obliging and discreet market man who maintains everything meritorious and his transactions are always reliable.

W. H. NUSBAUM.

W. H. Nusbaum is a laudable professional gentleman who conducts a general practice of medicine and surgery in this place and the surrounding region. This gentleman occupies a congratulatory prominence af a reliable physician and surgeon. He is at all times ready to attend to calls and is both well read and skillful. He is a graduate of the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio.

MR. M. E. GARRETT.

Manufacturer of the Quick Work Washing powder which has won widespread reputation for Mr. Garrett and he is a popular proprietor of an excellent grocery here. He has superior assortments of fresh, fancy and staple groceries, fine teas, aromatic coffees, spices, canned and bottled goods vegetables, confections, dining necessities etc He has an unparalelled stock which affords customers good advantages and prices as low as the market will afford. This store has determined that the renown it has won by hard work and honest dealing shall be maintained and is confident that with already increased facilities and ample experience it will continue to attract the favorable notice and support of the public. If it is straight forward dealing you are looking for you cannot find a better house to trade than at M. E. Garret's.


Union Township - 1875 Census

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Waterloo Press - 10-18-1928

PROMINENT AUBURN WOMAN SUCCUMBED FRIDAY MORN

Mrs. Louisa Davis, Relict of the Late John L. Davis, Nearly 90 Years of Age, Buried Monday

Mrs. Louisa Davis, relict of the late John L. Davis, for many years a prominent citizen of Auburn, died at 12:30 o'clock last Friday morning, following hemorrhages of the nose, which attacked her on Wednesday evening prior to her death.

Mrs. Davis was in her ninetieth year, and had been a resident of Auburn since 1962.

Born in Buffalo, October 16, 1838, Mrs. Davis lost her father by death when she was two years old. On December 1, 1856, she was married to John L. Davis. Four children were born to them, Albert, Fred Claudia and Edna. All with the exception of Edna preceded the parents in death. Mr. Davis passed away on August 14, 1900. The first six years of married life were passed by Mr. and Mrs. Davis on a farm near Aurora, N. Y. They came to Auburn in 1862.

Funeral services were held from the late home in Auburn Monday afternoon, with the Rev. Hubert Craven, pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian church in charge, assisted by Rev. A. P. Bourns of Fort Wayne.

Evening Star 2-25-1960

MISS EDNA DAVIS IS DEAD AT AGE OF 89

Lifelong Resident of Auburn Passes Away at Beta Convalescent Home from Complications of Diseases

Miss Edna Aileen Davis, a native and lifelong resident of Auburn, died at the age of 89 at the Beta Convalescent home, north of Auburn, at 6:15 a.m. Thursday.

Miss Davis died from complications of advanced age. She had been in failing health for a number of years and entered the convalescent home on Aug. 29, 1958. She had been bedfast the past four days.

She was born in Auburn on July 28, 1870, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John L. Davis. Mr. Davis operated a hardware store in Auburn for many years at the location of the present Auburn City Hardware.

The Auburn woman resided at 211 North Jackson street nearly all of her lifetime. The home was recently torn down to make way for a parking lot for the Auburn Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

Miss Davis was a member of the First Presbyterian church in Auburn, an active member of the Auburn Garden club and also the W.C.T.U.

The body was removed to the Gerig funeral home in Auburn where friends may call after noon on Friday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Miles A. Freeman, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Auburn, officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen cemetery, near Auburn.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Lot #47 DAVIS, Edna A., b. 1870, d. 1960
Louisa, b. 1838, d. 1928
Fred Charles, b. 1859, d. 1892
Louis Albert, b. 1858, d. 1875
Clauda, b. 1864, d. 1866
John Leonard, b. 1834, d. 1900

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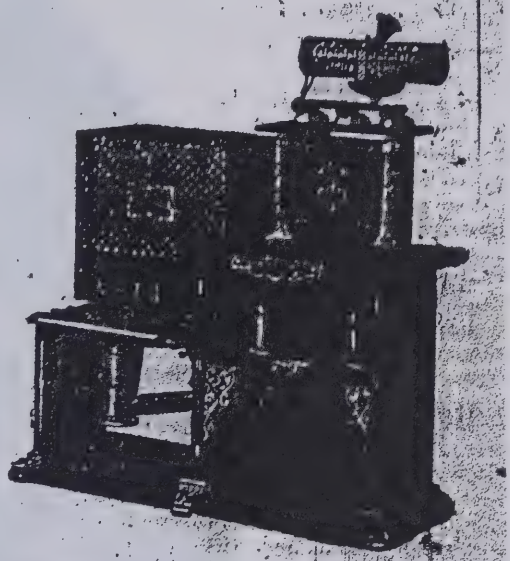

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JOHN LEONARD DAVIS

DAVIS, JOHN L., merchant and banker; a son of William Davis and Debra W. Dutcher. He was united in marriage, December 1, 1856, with Louisa Hanenstine, of Erie County, N. Y., and came to this county Jan. 8, 1863. They have had four children—Albert L. (deceased), Frederic C., Claude (deceased) and Edna E. Mr. Davis began business here in 1865, first purchasing the Pioneer Hardware Store of J. D. Davis, already established. This was accomplished with a capital of $2,000. He has been very successful in business, and to-day pays taxes on $10,000, with no incumbrances. Mr. Davis is a leading, public-spirited citizen, and has always been closely identified with the best interests of the city of Auburn.

John L. Davis Dead.

John L. Davis died last night at about 11 o'clock, passing peacefully away. He had been unconscious for some days more or less, and gradually growing weaker. It is not likely he suffered much, at least there was no appearance of suffering. But a few hours before his death, he was troubled again with difficulty of breathing as he had been in the earlier stages of his last illness.

The funeral will be at the home on Friday, August 17, at 2 p. m. under the auspices of the Masonic bodies, assisted by Rev. J. D. Brosy of the Lutheran church.

The casket will be open until 1:30 p. m. of Friday, and the friends can call at any time till then. But owing to the many from a distance, who will reach here about Friday noon, it will be advisable for the friends in town to call before noon of that day. But none will be excluded at any time up to the hour named.

Mr. Davis had reached the age of 65 years, 9 months and 11 days. He was one of the best known men in the county, a man of large heart, friendly disposition and of generous impulses. His death creates a vacancy in Auburn not easily filled.

Auburn Item
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The Davis Funeral.

Friday's Daily.

All this forenoon, the friends were calling at the residence to take a last look of one who had so long been a citizen and a neighbor. The embalmer's art is wonderful, when a man who had suffered and wasted away so long, can be made to look so natural. It surely takes at least a little from the saddness of the death chamber and is a great consolation to the friends.

There were banks of lovely flowers and floral emblems of great beauty, but the most beautiful as well as the most admirable, was that by the Order of Elks at Fort Wayne. It was the head of an elk, made of appropriate flowers, and so mounted that it appeared to be looking over from the other side of the casket. With its eyes and antlers it had an appearance of almost startling reality.

The body lay in state all the forenoon, and this afternoon was especially set aside for the friends at a distance, though all were welcome. The service by the orders was very impressive and solemn and the sermon by Mr. Brosy, especially suitable to the solemn occasion.

At noon came up the Masons and Elks from Fort Wayne, and just before 2 p. m. the Knights-templar formed in front of the Hollister House. They were in full uniform and made an imposing appearance. The other Masons formed and preceded them in march, the order of Elks coming last. All then marched to the residence.

The attendance was very large and the ceremonies quite long. The music was by a quartet, Mrs. Cuppy, Miss Trover, Dr. Baxter and A. M. A. Miller, with Mrs. Garwood as pianist.

At the close, the procession moved to the Evergreen cemetery where the last ceremonies took place.

There were many members of the orders from Garrett, Waterloo, Ligonier, Kendallville and Fort Wayne, and perhaps other towns, and a full attendance of the Auburn members.

IN MEMORIAM.

A Tribute to One of Auburn's Best-Known Citizens.

John Leonard Davis was born at Black Rock, now within the present limits of the city of Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 3d, 1834, where he resided with his parents until nineteen years of age. In the spring of 1853 he came to Wabash, Indiana, and began at the tinner's trade, working in the hardware store of his elder brothers, Wm Kirby and Lewis B. Davis.

In the autumn of 1854, he returned to Buffalo, N. Y., and spent the following two years amid the surroundings of his boyhood days.

On Dec. 1st, 1856, he was married to Louisa Havenstein, also a native of Erie county, N. Y.

To this union have been born two sons and two daughters, only one of whom, Edna, who with a devoted mother, survives to mourn the death of an indulgent father.

The first six years of his married life were spent upon a farm in his native county not far remote from Buffalo. This six-year attempt at getting ahead in the world, by one wholly unacquainted with agricultural pursuits and having no "burning desire" to become "a tiller of the soil," has often been made the subject, by himself, of much grotesque good humor, or as he has been wont to say, it was "the standing joke of his life."

On October 16, 1862, he located in Auburn, Indiana, and became an employe of his brother, Joseph D. Davis, as clerk and general utility man in the Pioneer Hardware store, established by his brother Joseph in 1852.

Upon the death of his brother Joseph, in April, 1865, he became his successor in the hardware business, and for 35 years his genial and affable manner has ever increased the popularity of the Pioneer Hardware store of Auburn, Indiana.

In the season of 1868 he built on the corner of Main and Eighth streets what is known as the Davis block, which now stands, and we trust will stand for many years, as a monument to his executive ability.

In 1868 and 1869 he took an active part in securing for Auburn its first railroad facilities, the construction of the Fort Wayne, Jackson and Saginaw railroad, an event which seems to have settled the hitherto vexatious question of the location of the county seat of DeKalb County.

In 1873 or 74 he again took an active part, giving freely of his time and money, to secure for Auburn the great additional improvements made by the construction of the Detroit, Eel River and Illinois and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads.

The transformation of the "Stage Coach Town" of 600 souls to a thriving city of 3500 populations With excellent Rail Road facilities and public utilities is a sufficient reward for the dead and zealous co-workers. The living owe to them a debt of gratitude. For with frugal hands they sowed the seeds of prosperity that we who follow after them—

May gather as our own
The golden harvests, which
The dead had sown.

During the decade that followed 1875 he became interested in the prosperity of our neighboring city of Garrett, buying real estate and building two commodious business rooms, one of which he occupied with a hardware store and bank, conducting a bank and hardware store at the same time at Auburn.

In 1886 he was elected to the office of county treasurer and filled that responsiable position with rare ability for three years and a half; turning over to his successor in cash every penny due the county.

To every improvement calculated to benefit the community, he stood ready to assist with willing hands and open purse. To attempt an enumeration of his benefactions to the public would require many hours.

Sufficient for this day, to say, that he will live in memory and by tradition as long as a just public deals generously with the dead.

Such a citizen has little need of a marble monument to perpetuate his memory or commemorate his good deeds.

In the panic from 1890 to '93 he suffered in common with many other men whose previous success and unflagging energy had caused them to expand their business ventures beyond a safe limit in time of financial distress. But thrice happy are his many friends, that his life was spared to see the sifting of the clouds of business gloom—the dawn of the new century bringing for him and others the glorious financial sunshine of former days.

His first serious illness began about christmas 1899 and lasted until April 6th, 1900—during which time his condition was the subject of deep solicitude among his many friends. From April 6th to July 23rd he was able to spend a part of the time at his store. July 24th began his final sickness which lasted until August 14th at 11 P. M. when—

Thank Heaven, his lingering illness
Was broken at last
And this Fever called living
Forever had passed.

In politics he was always a Republican, casting his first vote Nov. 4th, 1856 for the "Pathfinder" John C. Fremont, and his last vote as he believed for the "Prosperity" finder William McKinley.

In religion, he was like many business men, more practical than theoretical. He seemed to believe that if kindness, sympathy, generosity, and unalloyed friendship would

soothe the pathway of human life that they would certainly soothe the pathway of the soul to the haven of eternal rest.

He was as gentle and affectionate as a child, studiously avoiding the infliction of pain upon another. During his long sickness, not wishing to excite alarm among his friends, he had but one answer to their daily questions as to his condition, that answer was "I am better now." Perhaps that answer was prompted by the intuitive knowledge of his soul, and though he has passed within the silent tent whose curtain never outward swings, let us hope that he is "better now."

In his domestic relations he was quiet, kind, forbearing, loving and generous, always providing for his family the best within his means, The environs of his home speak more eloquently than any words of the care he bestowed in providing for his own.

One trait of character which endeared him to so large a circle of friends was his congenial nature. Age did not diminish it, for it wore a glow as ardent at sixty as at twenty, The poet must have had such a nature in mind when he wrote

Gray temples at twenty,
Yes white if you please,
Where the snowflakes fall thickest
It scarcely will freeze.

Another trait of character which bound him with links of love to a large circle of friends was his unswerving fealty to friendship. This trait was a burning flame, to which his friends might come and gather the glowing embers with which to rekindle the famished fires of devotion to friendship upon the alter of their own hearts.

Friends and fraters, that glowing flame has been extinquished, and no hand may relight it save the hand of the great Master of us all.

These traits of character would naturally lead him to seek membership in the great fraternal orders, endear him to his brethren and cause them to follow, with sorrowing hearts, his funeral cortage to the silent city of the dead.

Such a nature could not be limited by orders or creeds, and for this reason the members of so many orders and creeds are gathered here today to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of a man whose lodge and church was the world and "to do good" his religion.

Father, Friend, Frater, we bid you not a long last farwell
"That would fill our hearts with Sorrow,
"For in a bright clime we will meet again
"And we will greet you there good morrow."

His funeral was largely attended by his friends and acquaintances not only of the city of his home but from neighboring towns and cities of this part of the state, but also from Detroit. Mich., Toledo, Findlay and other cities. The Scottish ceremonies were rendered by Sir Knight Wm. Geake, of Ft. Wayne, in an eloquent manner. The music was very appropriate and finely rendered by Mrs. Shull, Miss Trover, Dr. Baxter and Mr. Miller as a quartett with Mrs. Garwood pianist. Rev. J. D. Brosy, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church preached the sermon in an eloquent manner, following his sermon with a very fine tribute to the deceased.

The funeral closed at the grave by the beatiful Knight Templars' burial ceremonies by Apollo Commandery No. 19, K. T., Kendallville, Ind., of which the deceased was a member, there were 38 swords in line which with DeKalb Lodge No. 214, F. and A. M. and Wm. Hacker Chapter, No. 63, R. A. M., preceeded the Knights Templar; the Elk Lodge, No. of Ft. Wayne at the post of honor with the citizens on foot and in carriages, and the suspension of all business in the city, showed the respect and esteem the deceased was held in the community in which he lived.

The expressions of love, sympathy and esteem in which the deceased was held was expressed by many very fine flowers not only in set pieces of the orders of which he was a member but also choice cut flowers from immediate friends of the deceased and the family as well.

The family and immediate relatives desire to express their appreciation and their sincere thanks to all for the many kindnesses and favors extended to them and sympathies expressed in this time of sorrow and berevement.

Residence of Mrs. J. L. Davis

JOHN LEONARD DAVIS.

The spirit of a pure, noble and earnest life burned in the mortal tenement of the late John L. Davis, than whom no citizen of DeKalb county attained to higher distinction in connection with the material and civic development of this favored section of the state of Indiana, while none wielded a wider or more beneficent influence in connection with the promotion of public enterprises and utilities which conserved such development and progress. His life was one of fullness and completeness, one of vigor and inflexible integrity. He accomplished great things for the general good and was not denied a due individual reward in the matter of temporal affluence. A man of rugged strength of character, of finest moral fiber, and one who realized a magnificent measure of useful accomplishment, his name is deeply engraved on the pages of the history of his county, so that such a publication as the one at hand must needs enter a tribute of honor and appreciation to his memory if any measure of consistency and symmetry is to be claimed for the same. He was universally recognized as a splendid citizen, of lofty character, sturdy integrity and unswerving honesty. During the period of his early years here he shared fully the trials and difficulties of those trying times. He was one of the sturdy figures upon which the burdens of the community fell, and he struggled devotedly with others in bringing about the resultant evolution of development. Hand and heart and purse were always open to the necessities of his neighbors, and the record of those years is one of tireless and unselfish devotion. To write the history of Mr. Davis would be to write a book and in the limited space of a biographical memoir one can but touch upon the more salient facts in the long, useful and somewhat remarkable career of this honored man, and briefly sum up his life by saying that he was a good man—such a man that the world was better for his having lived in it. He was a good husband and father, faithful and loving; a good citizen and friend, constant and reliable; a man in the fullest sense of the word, wide, comprehensive and far-reaching in life's affairs.

John Leonard Davis was born on November 3, 1834, at Black Rock, now a part of the city of Buffalo, New York, and was a son of William and Deborah W. (Dutcher) Davis. He was reared at Black Rock, and in the spring of 1853 he went to Wabash, Indiana, where his brothers, William Kirby and Lewis B. Davis, were engaged in the hardware business, and in their establishment he learned the trade of a tinner. In the fall of 1854 he returned to his old home in New York, and there, on December 1, 1856, he was married to Louisa Hauenstein, of Buffalo, New York, where she had been born and reared. After his marriage, Mr. Davis followed farming at Aurora, New York, where he remained for six years. He then came to Auburn, Indiana, arriving here on October 16, 1862. His brother, Joseph D. Davis, was then in business here as owner of the Pioneer Hardware Store and, being in failing health, he had requested the subject to come and take charge of the business for him. On the death of Joseph D. Davis, which occurred in April, 1865, the subject of this sketch became his successor in the hardware business and for thirty-five years his ability and his genial and affable manner ever increased the popularity of his store. After he had been in business two or three years, his store was burned down and in 1868 he built

on the same location, at the corner of Main and Eighth streets, what has since been known as the Davis building, a substantial building that has been in continuous use for forty-five years, and is still in splendid condition. Its fire-resisting qualities were put to a severe test in February, 1913, when the large buildings extending from the Davis building to Jackson street were destroyed in a fire. Although separated from the fire only by an alley, this building escaped with less damage than some of the buildings on the opposite side of the street. By careful attention to the wants of his patrons, carrying a carefully selected stock and exercising sound judgment and good business methods in the conduct of his affairs, Mr. Davis enjoyed a large and profitable business here through the years and became known as one of the most substantial business men of his community.

In 1873 or 1874 Mr. Davis took an active part in the efforts to advance the city's interests, giving freely of his time and money in the construction of the Detroit, Eel River & Illinois and the Baltimore & Ohio railroads. The transformation of the former stage-coach town of six hundred souls into thriving city with excellent transportation facilities was due in a large par to his initiative and personal efforts, and in many other ways he showed his public spirit. He assisted in the bringing of natural gas to Auburn and although it lasted only about two years, it was a matter of public spirit that justified the investment of his capital even when the outcome could not be foreseen. Another enterprise to which he contributed liberally of his time and money was the attempt, about 1890, to establish a county fair at Auburn. He also contributed liberally to the starting of several factories and other enterprises looking to the upbuilding of his home city, and he ever stood ready with willing hands and open purse, to do what he could for the general welfare. During the decade that followed 1875 Mr. Davis became interested in Garrett, buying real estate there and building two commodious business rooms, one of which he occupied with a hardware store and a bank, at the same time conducting a hardware store and bank at Auburn. In 1886 Mr. Davis was elected to the office of county treasurer, filling the position with rare ability for three and a half years. After leaving public office, Mr. Davis again gave his undivided attention to his business interests, in banks and stores, until the panic of 1893 to1896, when he, in common with many other business men, suffered reverses in business. He was not discouraged, however, and courageously applying himself to his affairs with greater energy than ever, he re-established his hardware business and put it on a firm financial basis. In December, 1899, Mr. Davis became ill and from that time until his death, which occurred on August 14, 1900, he was not able to give his attention to business affairs. Thus passed a man whom his fellows delighted to honor, for through the long years of his residence in the community he was ever true to the trusts reposed in him, whether of a public or a private nature, and his reputation in a business way was unassailable. His actions were ever the result of careful and conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he was right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit could swerve him from the course he had decided upon. His career was complete and rounded in its beautiful simplicity; he did his full duty in all the relations of life, and he died beloved by those near to him, and respected and esteemed by all his fellow citizens.

Politically, Mr. Davis was a life-long Republican, his first presidental vote having been cast in 1856 for John C. Fremont, "The Pathfinder," while his last vote was for him whom he considered "The Prosperity Finder," William McKinley. Fraternally, he belonged to the Masonic order, in which he had

attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he also was a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was kind and sympathetic, ever ready to help those whose discouragements weighed them down. A trait of character that endeared him to his large circle of friends was his congenial nature. Age did not diminish it, for its glow was as ardent at sixty as at twenty. Another trait which bound him with links of love o a large circle of friends was his unswerving fealty to friendship.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born four children, namely: Lewis Albert, who died on October 20, 1875, in his nineteenth year; Fred, who was born July 19, 1859, and died October 18, 1892, aged thirty-three years, served as deputy county treasurer under his father's administration, and at the time of his death was book-keeper in his father's store at Garrett; Claudia died in 1866, in her third year; Edna Alene, the only living child, resides at Auburn with her mother, and is prominent in the social life of the community, being a member of the Ladies' Literary Club, president of the Woman's League, and a member of the Auburn Evening Musicale. Mrs. Davis and her daughter are earnest members of the Presbyterian church and are active in its work. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and has had an efficient and appreciated part in its work. She is a lady of many gracious qualities of head and heart and is well liked by all who know her.

Auburn Bulletin
July 22, 1897

—John Leasure is having a new cement sidewalk put down in front of his property, the "Union Bakery" on west Seventh. John Treesh is doing the work, which was finished to-day. Now, he crosses over to the north side of the street and will put in cement walks for Peter Young in front of his tailoring establishment, and for Mr. Ashley in front of Baxter Bros restaurant. This will complete the cement walks for that entire block. Mr. Treesh is an expert at the business.

Gen. Hosting & Card

Auburn — **GROUNDHOG MAGAZINE**
The **Groundhog Magazine** was published annually on Groundhog Day, February 2, by Groundhog John who was originally John L. Davis, the owner of the Auburn Hardware. When Davis sold the business to John D. Leasure, the latter assumed the title and tradition of Groundhog John. The first issue was apparently published in 1905. The 1916 issue contained 20 pages and was probably printed in Auburn.

By the Auburn Local

JOHN H. LEASURE.

Specific mention is made in the following paragraphs of one of the worthy citizens of DeKalb county, Indiana—one who has figured and is still an active participant in the splendid commercial prosperity which characterizes this community, and who is contributing in a definite measure in his particular sphere of action to the growth of the locality and to the advancement of its best interests. Earnest purpose and tireless energy, combined with mature judgment and everyday common sense, have been among his most prominent characteristics and he has merited the respect and esteem which are accorded him by all who know him.

John H. Leasure was born in Savannah, Ashland county, Ohio, on July 26, 1849, the son of Lovengar and Eleanor (Hayes) Leasure. In 1852 the family moved to Auburn, Indiana, where he secured a limited education in the public schools, which, however, has been liberally supplemented through the years by much reading and habits of close observation. At an early age, the subject was apprenticed to learn the trade of shoemaking, that being a period when most boots and shoes were made by hand to order. He worked at that trade for eight years, then accepted employment as a clerk in a hardware store at Auburn. About 1893 Mr. Leasure moved to Angola, where he remained most of the time up to 1900, in which year he returned to Auburn and engaged in the hardware business on his own account. Subsequently he, with W. H. McQuiston and Harry Swarts, organized the Auburn Hardware Company, with the intention of opening a new store. At that time the John L. Davis estate was being closed up and his old established store was offered for sale. The subject and his associates bought the store and ran it for two years, when Mr. Leasure and his wife and son bought the interests of Messrs. McQuiston and Swarts and thus became sole owners. This business has prospered under the wise management of Mr. Leasure and is now one of the principal mercantile establishments of Auburn, commanding a large and constantly increasing trade through this section of the country. A large and well selected stock is carried, consisting of shelf and heavy hardware, paints, stoves and other lines usually carried in an up-to-date store of the kind.

On December 30, 1880, John H. Leasure was married to Lida Powers, who was born near Greensburg, Indiana, the daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Hood) Powers, and who is mentioned more fully elsewhere in this work. To this union have been born two children, namely: Flossie is the wife of Harry M. Richwine, of Auburn, and they have one child, Helen Marguerite; J. Kent is a medical student in the Indiana State University, at Bloomington.

Politically, Mr. Leasure gives his support to the Democratic party, while fraternally he is an appreciative member of the Knights of Pythias. His religious membership is with the Presbyterian church, to which he gives his earnest support. In all the relations of life he has been a man among men, and, because of his high character and earnest life, he merits the confidence and good will which he enjoys in the community.

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John H. Leasure

John H. Leasure, retired hardware merchant of Auburn, died Friday afternoon at his home in Auburn. He was 82 years of age. His wife, Dr. Lida Leasure, died about three months ago. He is survived by one son, Dr. Kent Leasure of Indianapolis, a daughter, Mrs. Flossie Richwine, being deceased.

GROUNDHOG

JOHN

Auburn Courier 2-6-1908

All Business Houses Will be Closed on

Ground Hog Day

Even the Printing Office---No Paper Issued. Advertisers please note this. H is become

A National Holiday

The birds that fly and the beasts that prowl will be gentler than on other days.

Ground Hog John.

Of Course.

Auburn Weekly Courier
2-23-1908

GROUND-HOG DAY

Will Be a Legal Holiday in Auburn.

Is His Hogship a Weather Prophet to Be Relied Upon?

Candlemas day, known to the average citizen of the land of multitudinous wood-chucks as "ground-hog day," is rapidly approaching. Within three weeks it will be here and the people of this country, from Maine to California, and the lakes to the gulf, have their eyes on it.

It is a day in the calendar year that is an important one, growing more so, it would seem, with each revolution of the earth in its orbit, and this year, it will be a universal holiday, generally observed everywhere, and more particularly so here in Auburn. Every manufacturing establishment and business house will be closed and the newspapers, loyal to his hogship, will not issue on that day. Such is the proclamation issued by Ground-Hog John, and this proclamation will be observed to the letter.

Everybody knows the question of importance to be decided that day. Will the ground hog see his shadow as he emerges from his winter retreat or will he not? It is a momentous query, upon the answer to which the interests of the nation depend. Many would like to

peer into the future and find out whether the ides of November are to give us Bryan or Taft, whether at the democratic congressional convention it is to be Robinson, Cline or Feick, and whether in the general elections it will be one of these or Gilhams, but just now the question is, "What is the ground-hog going to do on the 2nd day of February?

This is the program: On that day the hibernating woodchuck crawls out of his winter bed to see if the world is still doing business at the old stand. If the sun is hid behind the all day clouds, and consequently he does not see his shadow, he plays about, knowing that his winter's sleep is over and that spring is near at hand. If on the contrary the sun is shining and he sees his shadow he hustles back into his hole for another six weeks' nap, confident that the cold weather will last until March 16th.

This is the belief of hundreds of thousands. But there are hundreds of thousands who do not believe it. I do not know just yet what to think about the question of the ground-hog as a weather prophet. I do not know, in the experience of former years, whether to pin my faith to him or not, despite the fact that our grandfathers and great grandfathers and great great grandfathers, for generations past, have done so and taught us to believe that the pesky little animal is fully competent to tell us in advance just what the weather is going to be for six weeks after the 2nd day of February.

If this instinct of foresight in regard to predicting the weather is given him it was bestowed by the All Wise Creator for his own protection, for it seems that during the cold weather he must stay in his home in the ground. Hence he ought to have some faculty by which he may know, for he hasn't got almanacs, or weather indications from Washington, or the books of Hicks and Foster and DeVoe and the other weather prophets to read, as we have. And it is contended by many a farmer who has watched the ground-hog and the weather for years that he is wiser than any of them.

I wait in anxious expectation to see what his hogship will say. I am rather inclined to pin my faith to him. Hicks and Foster and DeVoe, and the rest of the almanac makers, base their predictions on the movements of the planets and the tides, I believe, and their forecasts were written weeks and months ago. The ground-hog takes later, up-to-date indications on which to base his opinion. He speaks from appearances as they show themselves on the 2nd of February. With the enlightened wisdom of a line of ancestry that extends back through the centuries, to the time of Noah and the flood, all of whom have been weather prophets, why ought he not be able to tell what the weather is going to be six weeks in advance?

ENID LID.

GROUND HOG DAY CAME AND THE SHADOWS FELL

And Six More Weeks of Winter Will Fall on the Just and the Unjust

THE DAY FITLY CELEBRATED

Ground-Hog John Leasure Appropriately Remembered the Day—Dance in Coliseum Tonight.

Tuesday was the fatal day and it all depended on the groundhog. According to tradition his Hogship fixed the weather for the next six weeks. Tuesday morning on emerging from his warm nest he beheld his shadow on the white snow and you might as well order up another ton of coal, for according to time-honored and proven tradition when the groundhog saw

John Leasure
Ediotr Groundhog Magazine

his shadow on the lily white this morning according to a law as inexorable as the law of the Medes and Persians, it was determined that we are to have six more weeks of winter weather. Should Mr. Groundhog have come forth Tuesday morning and not beheld his shadow then spring would have arrived here in advance of the regular spring season.

You see it all depended upon Mr. Groundhog and Old Sol. If Mr. Sol could have arranged his matters satisfactorily by remaining behind a cloud on Tuesday or had Mr. Groundhog taken great care in coming forth and not stood so that his shadow fell upon the snow, or had his Hogship remained indoors we might have then hopes of hearing the robin [illegible] seeing the hissy willows bud before six weeks should have passed away. There are some who may be skeptical and perhaps have been scoffing at this groundhog legend and the weather man, but you can now put it down that real winter is here and for the next six weeks the thicker your overcoat the better.

The thermometer Monday morning registered six below, the coldest we have had this winter, and accompanying this drop in the temperature there was a sharp, cutting wind that penetrated to the bone. Sunday was a typical winter day with snow flurries, sunshine and a clear cutting cold that made one feel like staying indoors.

The rivers and the lakes are again frozen over and the ice-dealers have hopes of finishing their annual harvest. The storing away of ice started some days ago, during the last cold wave, but the work was brought to a sudden stop on account of the thaw. If no thaw suddenly follows this cold spell the ice-men will be successful in filling their houses.

In Auburn Groundhog day was appropriately and more elaborately celebrated perhaps than in any other place in Indiana. Groundhog John Leasure, the popular hardware merchant of Auburn, had made preparations to remember this day above any other day in the calendar of the year. For some time he had been scouring the country to lead into captivity specimens of the groundhog. He captured a 'possum and had it behind iron bars for a couple of days, but one morning when he went out to feed his menagerie the 'possum was gone. Some mornings after that the cunning little animal was found in a chicken coop here in Auburn, where he met his untimely death. His carcas was buried and his hide sold to the local dealers. But Mr. Leasure Tuesday morning had on display two as fine specimens of the groundhog tribe. One of them was a monster, almost a badger in size, and the other one was certainly a cute little trick, a little better than half grown. These were displayed in one of the front windows of the Auburn Hardware company's store and attracted considerable attention during the day. In front of the store was spread a large canvas on which a landscape artist had done his best to depict in colors

Groundhog John, of course.

the groundhog at home among the hills.

Mr. Leasure has the honor of being the editor of the [illegible] that was ever published in Auburn and devoted entire to the groundhog. The title of the magazine is "Groundhog Magazine," and consists of several pages full of wisdom and corncob philosophy, a kind of a Poor Richard almanac with lots of wise sayings. Mr. Leasure distributed samples of these to his many friends and he has a legion of them, and the booklets were eagerly picked up and carried away. The entire edition was exhausted before night. Rarely does a magazine in its very infancy meet with such a reception by a discerning public.

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JOHN and JIM and the GROUNDHOG

Of double significance will be the celebration of Ground Hog Day by John Leasure today when first official announcement will be made of the forming of a partnership in which James L. Lewis, who recently resigned as superintendent of the Auburn Water Works and Electric Light plant, becomes a part owner of the Auburn Hardware Company store. Mr. Lewis will begin duties as a member of the firm on March 1, which will be just twenty-four years since the first day he worked in this store. He will act as secretary and treasurer of the company.

Twenty-four years ago March 1, this year, Mr. Lewis was given employment in the hardware store which was at that time owned by John L. Davis. He worked in his employ until April 1, 1898, at which time he went to work in the city plant. In December, 1903, he resigned from the city plant and accepted employment in the hardware store again, although at this time Mr. Leasure was the proprietor. Guy B. Stone succeeded him as superintendent of the city plant. January 1, 1905, Mr. Lewis again assumed the superintendency of the city plant and remained in that capacity until January 1 of this year, at which time he resigned in favor of S. L. Davenport.

Since last July negotiations have been under way between Mr. Lewis and Mr. Leasure, but the deal was not finally closed until two weeks ago. The gentlemen have so closely guarded their secret that no one was let in on the transaction until a few days ago, and many people thought Mr. Lewis would make his announcement good that he would either operate a buttermilkwagon or start another postoffice.

The Artificial Shadow

John

Jim

Auburn Courier 2 of 1911

Will He See It?

The combination will be a strong one, and while Mr. Leasure has done a big business, it is predicted that the acquisition of Mr. Lewis to the firm will add to the success of the institution. The new firm will start on its career March 1 with the well wishes of all.

GROUND HOG.

Mr. Leasure, assisted by Mr. Lewis, whose duty it will be—we understand—to feed the animals, will have his usual display in front of the store tomorrow in celebration of Ground Hog Day. Mr. Leasure expects employing a lantern, as illustrated herewith, if Old Sol refuses to shine, so that the shadow will be seen and the people have a full winter. For further particulars we can but refer you to Ground Hog John, Of Course, who knows.

2-3-1912 Auburn Courier

Groundhog Saw Shadow Friday

GROUNDHOG JOHN, OF COURSE

February 2

Today is groundhog day and it seemed that "Old King Sol" conspired with Dr. G. Hog, on the occasion of the latter's annual venture from his burrow and dished us six more weeks of winter weather and chilling zephyrs. The three grizzled marmots in their cage in front of the Auburn Hardware store were viewed by hundreds today and Groundhog John, who celebrates the "coming out" day of the woodchuck, was busy distributing his annual magazine.

When "Groundhog John Of Course" first hit upon the plan of observing groundhog day in this manner, the little project, like others since grown to maturity, was attended by no little comment by those who were disposed to laugh and make sport of the new born venture, but behold, the scheme was a good one and today the proprietor of shelf and heavy hardware is known far and near by reason of his novel advertising method and even salesmen have written for a copy of the annual Groundhog Magazine which contains jokes that have never been aired before, as well as poems from the pens of local poets.

Conceding that Mr. Woodchuck is an arbitrer of the weather, there is certain to be six more weeks of winter, for the sun appeared just long enough today to allow the cunning fellow a moment's survey of his shadow on the snow. Those who have faith in the importance of the day believe that there will follow six weeks of cold weather providing the North American woodchuck sees his shadow on his annual venture from his lair and those individuals believe with equal fervor that spring is near when the grizzled marmot fails to see his profile.

When the first groundhog day was observed by Groundhog John, a stuffed creature placed in position at the end of a stove pipe, was the chief and only attraction, but today three live ones occupied the cage on the sidewalks. These creatures were captured and furnished by James Kimmery of St. Johns.

THIS IS "JIM"

I AM PUTT THE LATEST ADDITION

WP 2-2-1928

DR. LIDA LEASURE DIES MONDAY NIGHT

Well Known Auburn Woman, Former County Superintendent of Schools is Dead at 81

The last funeral rites for the late Dr. Lida Leasure of Auburn, whose death occurred Monday night, were held from the late home on West Seventh street in Auburn yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Leasure, wife of John H. Leasure, had ben ill since last October 6 when she suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Dr. Lida Leasure was born at Spring Hill, near Greensburg, Ind., a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Hood) Powers. She was reared on a farm and her elementary education was received in the common schools of her neighborhood, which was supplemented by attendance at a local academy. At the age of about twenty years she became a student in the Terre Haute normal school, where she was graduated, after which she engaged in teaching school. Her first pedagogical work was as a teacher in the high school at Marshall, Ill., after which she taught in the Model school at Terre Haute and in the Indianapolis high school.

In 1878 she came to Auburn, where for several years she taught in the high school, and served as superintendent of the city schools. In 1880 she taught in the high school at Princeton, Ind., and on December 30th that year, she was married to John H. Leasure of Auburn, after which she resigned her position at Princeton and returned to Auburn to reside.

However her love for educational work again attracted her to the school room and in 1882 and for two or three years thereafter she was a teacher in the Auburn high school. About this time she determined to take up the practice of medicine and to this end she matriculated in the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where she was graduated in 1885, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For awhile Dr. Leasure practiced her profession in Auburn but in 1892 she moved to Angola and, with the exception of a year at Logansport, Ind., she was engaged in the active practice at Angola until 1903, when they returned to Auburn. Dr. Leasure again entered the educational work and for two years was principal of the Riley school and taught a year in the high school.

In June, 1911, without solicitation on her part, she was elected to the position of county superintendent of schools. She was elected for a four year term, but by legislative enactment her term was extended to 1917.

Dr. Leasure is survived by her husband, John H. Leasure, a retired merchant of Auburn; a son, Dr. Kent Leasure of Indianapolis, two sisters, Mrs. George Hindman of Greensburg, Ind., and Mrs. J. W. Johnston of Radersburg, Mont., and by three grandchildren, one of whom, Miss Helen Richwine, resides in the home of her grandparents.

RICHWINE

Mrs. Flossie Leasure Richwine, 47, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Leasure in Auburn, on Wednesday night of last week, of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Harry Richwine of Flagstaff, Ariz., a daughter Helen at home, a brother Dr. Dent Leasure of Indianapolis, and her parents. She belonged to the Presbyterian church and the Order of Eastern Star. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon.

MARRIAGE RECORD

MILLER, Edward H. a 25 b Garrett, IN machinist
p John & Emma (Steffen) Miller
married 24 June 1908 Butler, IN
ERB, Harriet E. a 25 b Bryan, Ohio 1st marriage
p Ephraim & Margarett (Hodge) Steffin

RICHWINE, Harry M. a 39 b Huntington, IN clerk
p Harver & Lydia (Hildebrand) Richwine
married 24 June 1908 Auburn, IN
LEASURE, Flossie E. a 27 b Auburn, IN p J. H. & Lida (Powers) Leasure

Roselawn Mausoleum ~ Auburn

RICHWINE, Flossie (Leasure), b. 1881, d. 1928

LEASURE, Lida, Dr. (Powers), b. 1850, d. 1931
John H., b. 1848, d. 1932

Lida (Powers) Leasure

Lora Leasure was born at Spring Hill, Near Greensburg, Indiana, and was a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Hood) Powers. At age twenty she was a student in the Terre Haute Normal School. Her first pedagogical work was as a teacher in the high school at Marshall, Illinois. She taught at the Model School at Terre Haute and in the Indianapolis High School. In 1878 she came to Auburn and taught in the high school and served as superintendent of the city schools. In 1880 she taught in the high school at Princeton, Indiana. On December 30th she married **John H. Leasure**. She taught in the Auburn High School. About 1885 she took an interest in medicine and matriculated in the medical department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor where she graduated in 1888 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. She practiced in Auburn and in 1892 moved to Angola and practiced medicine until 1903. At this time they moved to Auburn. She was a Principle of the Riley School. In 1911 she was elected to the position of county superintendent of schools. She held this position until 1917. To Dr. Leasure belonged the distinction of being the first woman to be elected to a public office in Indiana and as of 1914 of being the only woman superintendent in the State. More can be found of Dr. Leasure's life and activities in the 1914 History of DeKalb County pages 384-386.

Articles of Incorporation

Articles of Incorporation

To

Auburn Hardware Co

Date March 9 – 1901

Recorded May 18–1901

At 10 AM #1120

We the undersigned hereby associate ourselves together as a body corporate pursuant to the Provisions of an act of the general Assembly of the State of Indiana entitled an Act concerning the organization and perpetuity of voluntary associations and declaring an emergency approved March 9th 1901 and also pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana for the year 1881 and all acts amendatory of or suplemental to either of the statutes above named as well as pursuant to all other laws and statutes of the said State in that behalf enabling and hereby adopt the following Articles of Association. I. The name of this Association shall be The Auburn Hardware Company.

II. The term of existence of this Association shall be fifty years.

III. The operations of this association shall be carried on in the City of Auburn in DeKalb County in the State of Indiana and its Principal office shall be in said City.

IV. The objects of this Association shall be to buy and sell Hardware and Tinware and other Merchandise and to conduct mercantile operations both at wholesale and retail to buy and sell such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of such Corporation to manufacture and sell tinware in connection with and as intended to the retail Hardware store to be conducted by said Company. and in connection therewith to do plumbing.

V. The Capital stock of this Association shall be $8000 00 divided into 8 hundred shares of ten dollars each.

VI. The names and places of residence of the stockholders in this Association are as follows. William H McQuiston residing at Auburn Indiana. Malvina R McQuiston residing at Auburn Indiana John H. Leasure residing at Angola Indiana. Lida Leasure residing at Angola Indiana. and Harris J Swarts residing at Clinton Illinois.

VII. The number of Directors for this association shall be three and the Directors for the first year shall be William H McQuiston Harris J Swarts & John H Leasure.

VIII. Persons managing the business and prudential affairs of this Association shall be elected or appointed thereunto by the board of Directors and said Directors shall be elected by the Stockholders in such manner as may be provided by the By laws of said Association.

IX. The seal of this Association shall be a Circular disk upon the obverse side of which in raised letters in a circular form shall be the words Auburn Hardware Company with a raised Star in the center as follows to wit.

Miscellaneous Book for year 1901

WILL.

I, John H. Leasure of the City of Auburn, DeKalb County, State of Indiana, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

Item 1. It is my will that all my just debts, expenses of last sickness and funeral be paid as soon after my death as is practicable.

Item 2. I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Auburn Mausoleum Company the sum of Two Hundred ($200.00) Dollars to be uses by it as an endowment fund, the proceeds of which are to be used to maintain the Mausoleum by said Company owned and controlled, in a manner as seems best by its Board of Trustees.

Item 3. I hereby give, devise and bequeath to The Auburn State Bank of the City of Auburn, DeKalb County, State of Indiana, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) to be held by said bank in trust for my grand daughter, Helen Richwine, the proceeds thereof to be paid to her for a period of thirty (30) years, or until her death if same occurs before thirty years have expired, and at the expiration of thirty years (3), or at her death if same occurs before, thirty years have expired, said fund shall be by said bank turned over and delivered to Jane Leasure and John Leasure, children of my son, John Kent Leasure, to be their absolutely and in fee simple, share and share alike.

Item 4. I devise a strip of land thirty-eight and one-half feet wide off of the West side of Lot number Five (5) in McFarland's Addition, to the town now City of Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana, with the house thereon and appurtenances thereto, to my grand daughter Helen Richwine during her lifetime. After her death, I devise said premises to the child or children of Helen Richwine, to be theirs absolutely and in fee simple. Provided however, that if the said Helen Richwine died without issue, then I devise said premises to Jane Leasure and John Leasure, children of my son, John Kent Leasure, to be theirs absolutely and in fee simple, share and share alike.

Item 5. I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the remainder of my estate, both real and personal to my son, John Kent Leasure, to be his absolutely and in fee simple.

Item 6. I hereby nominate and appoint my son, John Kent Leasure, executor of this will.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed, at Auburn, Indiana, this 19th day of November, 1931.

John H. Leasure (Seal)

Before us the undersigned, personally appeared the above named John H. Leasure, who in our presence subscribed hisname and cause his seal to be affixed, and he then and there declared the same to be his last will and testament; and we then and there in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as attesting witnesses, at his request.

W. W. Ketcham
J. H. Durst. Witnesses.

State of Indiana,
DeKalb County. . . . .ss:

Evening Star
Wed 2-20-1935

INFLUENZA FATAL TO JAMES L. LEWIS

Auburn Masonic Leader Passes Away at Home on West Tenth Street After 10-Day Illness

The various Masonic bodies in Auburn suffered the loss of their most loyal member in the death of James L. Lewis Tuesday night at 11:35 o'clock. Mr. Lewis passed away at his residence at 113 West Tenth street from influenza after an illness of ten days.

Mr. Lewis was 71 years of age on February 11th. A native of the state of Wisconsin, he had been a resident of Auburn for the past forty-two or forty-three years. For thirteen years he was superintendent of the Auburn Electric and Water Works and he later associated himself with the late John H. Leasure in the Auburn Hardware company until the business changed hands in 1918 when C. E. Frederick bought the store.

On December 24, 1889, Mr. Lewis and Miss Belle Sharp of near Hamilton, Ind., were married. Mrs. Lewis is bedfast, very ill with pleurisy.

Mr. Lewis was active in the planning and building of the Masonic Temple on West Eighth street and was one of the building committee. He belonged to DeKalb Lodge No. 214 F. and A. M. and was treasurer of William Hacker Chapter No. 63, Royal Arch Masons and also of DeKalb Council No. 57, Royal and Select Masons. He was also chairman for DeKalb county for the Indiana Masonic home at Franklin, Ind.

Mr. Lewis was instrumental in placing a number of members of the Masonic fraternity and Eastern Star chapter in the home and his judgment was unquestioned by officials of the home.

A faithful attendant at all the meetings of the three bodies of Masonry with which he was affiliated, Mr. Lewis occupied many official positions. He had a wide knowledge of Masonic history and his life was centered in the tenets of the craft.

Surviving besides his widow are two brothers, B. C. Lewis and L. L. Lewis, both residents of Willard, O. Two nephews, Glenn Talbert and Emmett Sharp, and a niece, Mrs. Paul McKenzie, reside in this city.

The funeral services will be conducted from the Masonic lodge hall on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Hubert F. Craven, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating and the members of the three orders assisting. The body will be interred in the mausoleum at Woodlawn cemetery.

The body was removed to Dilgard Bros. funeral home to remain until the time of the funeral on account of the illness of Mrs. Lewis.

C. E. FREDERICK IS DEAD AT AGE OF 78

Auburn Hardware Dealer, who Suffered a Series of Heart Attacks, Passed Away Sunday at His Home

C. E. Frederick, 78, of 308 North Van Buren street, Auburn, died from a heart attack in the living room of his home at 12:10 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Frederick had suffered a series of heart seizures over a period of several years. Five weeks ago he was hospitalized and was a patient at the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder hospital in Auburn for a month. He returned to his home about a week ago.

Born northwest of Hudson Feb. 25, 1879, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Addie Chelson Frederick. Mr. Frederick had resided in Auburn for 50 years.

Mr. Frederick was a widely - known businessman, having owned both the Auburn City Hardware and the Auburn Wholesale Hardware in this city.

He traveled for the Van Camp Hardware Co. of Indianapolis from 1902 until 1910 and then he accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Simmons Hardware Co. of St. Louis.

Mr. Frederick was on the road for the St. Louis firm until 1918 when he purchased the Auburn City Hardware from the late John Leasure.

The hardware store was sold by Mr. Frederick to William Cooper and E. L. Kokenge in 1932, two years after Mr. Frederick started in the wholesale hardware business.

The Auburn Wholesale Hardware was sold in 1953 to the Hibbard-Spencer-Bartlett & Co. of Evanston, Ill., but Mr. Frederick remained active in the business until he was hospitalized.

Mr. Frederick and Bertha Ketchum were married at Hudson on Dec. 28, 1904.

Surviving besides the widow are a son, Cortland Frederick of 604 North Main street, Auburn; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Wilson of 1049 Van Buren street, N.E., Auburn; five grandchildren, Eugene Frederick of San Rafel, Calif., Charles M. Frederick of 604 North Main street, Auburn, Miss Barbara Wilson, a student at Michigan State University at East Lansing and Mary Elizabeth and John David Wilson of 1049 Van Buren street, N.E., Auburn; two great-grandchildren, and a brother, Burt Frederick of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Frederick was a member of the Auburn Methodist church and a former member of the Auburn Rotary club. He was an active worker for the Auburn Y.M.C.A., and had served on the board of trustees for the Auburn "Y."

The body was removed to the Dilgard & Cline funeral home in Auburn and will be taken to the Methodist church at 11 a.m. Tuesday to lie in state until the hour of the funeral services.

The services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Albert Clarke, pastor, officiating. Rev. Clarke will be assisted by the Rev. C. C. Collins, pastor of the Simpson Methodist church in Fort Wayne and a former pastor of the church in Auburn.

Burial will follow in Woodlawn cemetery, near Auburn.

Evening Star

Auburn Evening Star

Edward Kokenge dies; merchant here since '39

Long-time Auburn merchant Edward L. Kokenge, owner-operator of Auburn City Hardware since 1939, died at 2:03 this morning in DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He was 92.

Mr. Kokenge was born Nov. 5, 1892 to Charles and Mary (Helmer) Kokenge of Avilla. On June 17, 1920 in Garrett, he married the former Etta Weaver, who survives. The couple lived 30 years at 1035 N.E. Van Buren St., Auburn.

He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. John W. (Marjorie) Brennan, of Garrett; Carolyn Kokenge, of Atlanta, Ga.; one son, Robert, who resides south of Auburn; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kokenge was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and four sisters.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn and a charter member of the Garrett Council of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Lima, Ohio, a 50-year member of the Indiana Hardware Association, and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Auburn Merchants Association.

Mr. Kokenge began his hardware career in 1910 at his father's business, Kokenge Hardware Store in Avilla. During the 1930s, he operated hardware stores in Cary, Ohio and Van Wert, Ohio.

He purchased Auburn City Hardware in 1939. His son, Robert, joined the business in 1953. They have retained the concept of a traditional hardware store, selling items that are not prepackaged.

Edward Kokenge
Owned Auburn City Hardware

Friends may call at Dilgard, Cline and Southern Funeral Home, Auburn, from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday. A rosary service will be held at the funeral home at 7 that night.

Mr. Kokenge's funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Mel Herber officiating. Burial will be at Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Church.

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Our Candy Cane Tree is Here!

We're so excited! Santa just left the most delicious Christmas tree in our Toyland. It's trimmed with hundreds of yummy Candy Canes . . . one for every boy and girl. Be sure to visit our big Toyland on the second floor . . . see all of our exciting new toys . . . and pick your Candy Cane off the tree. Bring Mom and Dad, too!

LIONEL TRAINS — ELECTRIC STOCK CAR RACE SETS — DOLLS — GAMES — ICE SKATES

AUBURN CITY HARDWARE

"YOUR FAMILY GIFT CENTER"

I remember as a child in the late 50's and early 60's going into the Auburn Hardware Store, it was Christmas time and the upstairs was always decorated as a winter wonderland of toys. These are very fond memory for me. What a great time it was to be young. Thank you Debra Shuff Kennedy.

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FIRE

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VOLUME XLVIII—No. 6 AUBURN, DeKALB COUNTY,

AUBURN'S

Business Men of the City Rise As One to be of Whatever Assistance Possible to the Heavy Losers--Commercial Club Held Called Meeting Sunday Afternoon-County Commissioners Got Busy, too, to Provide Home for County Offices

POLICE GUARD THE RECORDS

Rescuers Searched for Valuable Books and Papers Sunday and Monday and Many Charred VoluminousRecords and Partially Burned Papers of Immeasurable Value were Uncovered from Mass of Ruins and Carried to Safety

The smoke of Saturday night's fire has risen and from it rises undisputable evidence of the worst visitation of fire ever paid this city. Never before has such a loss befallen not only the city but the county. The court house, temporally housed in the destroyed block, was quickly consumed together with a part of the records but, thanks to the heroism of volunteers who worked like Trojans, many of the most valuable records were saved, but even among the million and one papers lost, the time will come when they will be

provide quarters as quickly as possible. Heat will be turned on and it is believed that the quarters will be comfortable.

G. O. Dennison, assisting county clerk, and some workmen found the county clerk's office seal in the ruins Monday morning and whether or not business at the clerk's office will proceed immediately depends entirely upon the condition of the seal. It is hoped however that the face of the seal is serviceable.

Victor McCord was on hand Monday taking orders for office material and all possible haste will be made to equip the office at once.

eve of even greater things. A. L. Murray and W. H. Willennar are the backbone of the company.

The Double Fabric Tire company has temporary quarters in the gas office where they will carry on their correspondence. It was stated Monday that the company hopes to be manufacturing Interlocks at the earliest possible date. All that was saved from the company's quarters were the typewriters, desks, office equipment, office files, letters etc. Machinery, raw stock and all of the finished products were lost and that which found temporary safety in the streets caught fire and most of this

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It is claimed by those who a position to know, that all ords and papers in the audit fice of most consequence a This includes the assessor's and everything pertaining county assessor's office. In ditor's office were the pl specifications and all the pap nected with the new cour structure. Had these pap destroyed it might have complications. Much of the of saving the auditor's reco duly to the efforts of Deputy Nelson who braved the da falling walls and flames and duty until the last book and were removed, also Auditor who was game to the core.

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in the destroyed block, was quickly consumed together with a part of the records but, thanks to the heroism of volunteers who worked like Trojans, many of the most valuable records were saved, but even among the million and one papers lost, the time will come when they will be wanted, and badly, too.

A line of police was established Sunday morning and rescuers went to work at once to save what court house records were not yet totally destroyed, but which were yet smouldering in the debris. All day Sunday this hunt was continued and taken up again Monday. The damaged books and papers were carried to a place of safety. Voluminous record books were found so badly defaced that they were scarcely recognizable.

Business men of the city who have the reputation of rising to meet emergencies rose up Sunday ready to do anything possible to assist the men upon whom was thrust heavy adversity Sunday. They are still standing shoulder to shoulder to help most commendable, indeed, and most appreciable, too.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ACT

Miles Baxter, secretary of the Commercial club, called a hurried meeting Sunday afternoon for the purpose of discussing plans for temporary quarters for the Double Fabric Tire company and for encouraging the continuance of the Courier.

Two committees were appointed, one to confer with Messrs Willennar and Murray of the Double Fabric Tire concern consists of C.M.Brown, chairman, I. M. Zent, J. W. Sheffer, and William Schaab. The committee to confer with W. H. McIntyre relative to the Courier consists of H. R. Culbertson, chairman, Fred J. Nebelung and Michael Boland.

COMMISSIONERS MET

At a meeting of the county commissioners Sunday afternoon it was decided to establish temporary quarters for the county offices in the assembly room in the southeast corner of the new court house. The county records were being assorted and work of establishing offices began Monday morning. An entrance to the room will be made at the south side of the building, directly north of the county jail.

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W. H. McIntyre, who owned the large building destroyed, carried $20,000 insurance which is only about 50 cents on the dollar, the value placed on it by Mr. McIntyre. He also carried $3,500 insurance over the Courier plant.

In seven different companies the county's property was insured for $6,000 which perhaps fairly well covers the loss so far as monetary value is concerned.

Messrs McNabb & Carter, proprietors of the McIntyre auto salesroom, carried no insurance but they got two cars out although they were badly damaged. Mr. McIntyre lost his electric coup and A. L. Murray s Auburn went up in smoke.

T. A. Carter, of the firm of Carter & McNabb, stated Monday that they considered their loss would reach $4500. W. C. McNabb states that no insurance was carried on their stock. Two five-passenger automobiles, known as the McIntyre F-12 belonging to Messrs Carter and McNabb were burned.

Buildings facing Eighth street were more or less damaged. Mr. McIntyre's factory building No. 1, just across Eighth street from the scene of the big fire, caught fire but the fiend was conquered. Had the blaze not been gotten under subjection, nothing could have saved the block in which is located the City National bank, Central Union Telephone company, Western Union Telegraph, Schaab Bros. & Co., George Kuhlman, Ed W. Hicks, Clayton Kettering, Arthur Grube, Frank Hoff, Empire Theater, Auburn Vulcanizing works, Baker's Bakery, Miller's barber shop, Smith's photograph gallery, etc, whose respective places of business are household terms to people in this city and surrounding country for miles.

The fire came most inopportunely to the Double Fabric Tire Company. It was just the beginning of the busiest season of the year. Thousands of dollars have been spent in advertising the business and the regular flow of orders is just beginning to be increased by the tide of early spring automobile season demands. Sixty-Two people were engaged meeting the demands made on this company. The company valued its holdings at $30,000, with $16,000 insurance. It was one of the most thriving industries of the city and was just on the day that the company hopes to be manufacturing Interlocks at the earliest possible date. All that was saved from the company's quarters were the typewriters, desks, office equipment, office files, letters etc. Machinery, raw stock and all of the finished products were lost and that which found temporary safety in the streets caught fire and most of this was rendered useless.

THE RECORDS

Every property owner in DeKalb county is interested in those records on which is based the title to his or her property. These are beyond all question the most valuable documents in the county. Thousands of people in this county will rest easier when they learn that all the records of recorder's office have been saved. Much of the credit of saving these valuable books is due to Samuel Haverstock, former county recorder. He was among the first to be on the scene and he threw himself into the work of saving the books and papers. Four years in the office made him familiar with every public document and he knew where they were, could place his hand on any book in the dark. He helped organize the men who were ready to help and in this manner the records were all carefully removed. He staid at his post of duty until every book and paper was out. Some of the valuable books were in the large vault and it had already been a question where the vault was fire-proof. Mr. Haverstock shared this doubt and he opened the vault and saw that the valuable books and papers were all removed to a place of safety. The deeds, mortgages, lein records, plat books and all other books of the recorder's office are now in the assembly room of the new court house in a fireproof building where there it no danger of fire and the property owners and the general public never want them to pass through the same ordeal again.

The records of the county treasurer's office are practically all saved. Mr. Oberlin and his deputy, Roy Oberlin, were at the scene of conflagration and personally assisted in the removal of the records and receipt stubs. The serious situation that confronted the treasurer was the sale of delinquent property which was advertised to be sold Monday morning at the treasurer's office. The sale went on in the afternoon in the new court house and it is the opinion of those who are in a position to know that the sale will be legal in every respect. Only one thing is missing from the tax records and that is the duplicate of Waterloo. This can be replaced by the making out of a new duplicate

destroyed it might have lead to complications. Much of the credit of saving the auditor's records was duly to the efforts of Deputy Stanley Nelson who braved the danger of falling walls and flames and staid on duty until the last book and papers were removed, also Auditor Madden who was game to the core.

Sheriff Hoff saved some of his furniture including the typewriter. The books and papers are not of as much importance as of other offices.

On account of the clerk's office being in the second story and almost inaccessable the loss is serious. The volunteers and others interested who attempted to save the records did not know where the valuable papers and books were kept, and on account of the darkness it was impossible for those not familiar with the office to pick out the important documents. At this time it is not possible to tell how serious is the loss to those who were interested in estates, wills, judgments and pending cases. The records of the health board, the coroner's report and many

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The four pumps at the water works plant were taxed to their fullest capacity, but were wholly unable to cope with the situation. A forty-pound pressure was used to force the water into the pipes but the supply was inadequate. Sam Davenport, superintendent of the electric light plant, says that there was no more water to be had. The first pressure was good, but as more hose was added, the streams grew less and by the time the eight were working the pressure was very weak. Considering this handicap, the fire boys did good work to keep the mad fiend confined to the one brick block.

...Courier

...DIAN... THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 1913

WORST FIRE

Entire Business District Threatened Saturday Night by Flames that Completely Destroyed Factory Building No. 2 Belonging to W. H. McIntyre Company---The Temporary Court House Located Therein was Destroyed With Part of the Records

EXPLOSION THE PROBABLE CAUSE

Origin Mysteriously Clusters Around Explosion of Unknown Nature in Rear of Courier Office--Loss will Reach $100,000--Fire Department Handicapped by Low Pressure Could not Cope with Situation--Contents of Worst Inflamable Composition

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Included in the loss were the machinery, equipment and stock belonging to the Double Fabric Tire company, the salesroom of the McIntyre Automobile company, the court records and county records that the volunteers were unable to carry to safety, the entire office and equipment for the Auburn Courier company and a quantity of automobile and carriage stock belonging to the McIntyre people,

The first alarm was received by the Bell Telephone company, a block away and in a moment more the Home telephone operators were frantic in their efforts to advise the fire department of the news. When the city fire department reached the scene the interior of the building was a mass of flames. The volunteer firemen proved that many heroes and although they labored fearlessly in face of inumerable odds, all that they could do or even hope to do was to confine the fire to the factory building.

Cool headedness marked the attitude of the first arrivals at the scene and fully ten scores of men, grasping the danger that was impending to the county records entered the building and labored arduously until the flames compelled them to leave what remained to the mercy of the flames. What were saved were carried to the new court house. Linemen for both telephone companies entered the building and many telephones were snatched from the desks.

Several minutes before the department reached the scene, Wayne Weaver, the Fort Wayne News carrier boy for Auburn advised Forsaker Ferrell, a reporter of the Courier of the fire and in a minute more Ferrell was on the scene eager to save whatever was movable.

In this he succeeded only partially. Entering the office he turned on the lights which had not yet been cut off. The front office was filled with smoke but the reporter succeeded in saving a typewriter belonging to J. Frank Cramer, the lynotype operator for the Courier and one for himself.

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When it was seen that all efforts to save the Courier office equipment would prove futile the firemen directed their attention to the court house hoping that they could arrest the flames before they reached the interior of the temporary quarters. Before the fire had raged for a half hour Tom Stutz and a fellow workman by the name of Till fell exhausted at the office door and was carried to safety and [illegible] was made for Till who was

The weakest cog in A... tire machine of municipa... her fire department showed up again in all its conditions. Water pressure was low. Every fireman did his best and that is all that could be asked of any man. Had it availed anything they would have gladly entered the building in search of vantage-ground from which to wage a battle but the folly of such a proceedure was obvious

When the flames had apparently reaped vengeance on the contents of the salesrooms and the office of the Courier the west wall to the building fell with a crash. By this time the flames had gained a wonderful headway on the interior of the court house and it could be seen that all hopes to save the quarters were gone.

Repeated requests were made upon the water plant for more pressure but this was impossible as all pumps were working. It was proposed to call the Fort Wayne department but when it was found that the pressure was lacking this idea was abandoned. The Fort Wayne chemical equipment would have been all that could have been used.

The Garrett department reached the scene but no other out-of-town assistance was called.

Fire broke out in the roof of the Swineford livery barn but this was kept in control. Across the street from the factory the flames gained a foothold in the Hoff building. All the plate glass was broken here but further than that little damage was done. Fears that the factory across the street would go with the flames were allayed when a bucket brigade mounted the roof and extinguished the flames.

The business men occupying rooms on West Seventh street moved their wares to the street in preparation of whatever might come. After the east walls fell it was seen that the building occupied by the Auburn Hardware company would in all probability be spared. Telephone poles nearby were badly charred, the company's cables were severed, trees were stripped of their foliage and the front of the livery barn and the Hoff building were deeply charred.

At the City National Bank block the Bell Telephone compa... w...

[illegible] pieces of printing presses and sheets from books were carried away as mute remembrances of the holacaust.

W. H. McIctyre, owner of the Courier and the building was enroute home from Chicago where he attended the automobile show. He was on B & O train No. 6 and telegrams reached him before he arrived home.

All the front windows at the Dilgard morgue, on the second floor of the new Hoff building were broken as well as the large plate glass windows to the lower floor. The fronts to the Baker bakery, the Miller barber shop and the Smith photograph gallery were charred and windows were completely demolished.

When the flames like tongues hungry beasts reached out over the bridge connecting the second floors to the two factories was first observed it was believed that the entire bridge would be burned but only a portion was of the structure suffered one end dropping to the ground.

The inflamable contents of the entire building made fighting the fire a most uphill task. Paper in the Courier office, fabrics of kinds, rubber, etc. The Fabric Tire company had material in the room Mr. McIntyre, papers, books

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Explosion Probable Cause.

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furniture dried by age in the court room, etc., how could one conceive of a more combustible quantity of material. It was as so many matches once touched off.

Perhaps Auburn people never saw such a sight here at home, and perhaps never had occasion to be more nervous. It was a common sight to see people on the roofs of buildings to stop any inroads cinders might try to make. The flames were seen for many miles and scores of calls came to the city to inquire what it was, and hundreds came in person. All agreed at one stage that the entire business block north and east of the burning building was doomed.

Chemicals brought from the Zimmerman Manufacturing company were used to stop the fire fiend in the Baker's bakery, Miller barber shop and the Smith gallery.

The McIntyre building faces on two streets, Eighth street on the north and West Ninth street on the south with Jackson street on the west. Immediately east of the factory stands the Auburn Hardware company building. South of this building are the Schaab Clothing company store, the Jones dry goods store, the Tarney building recently vacated by a meat market and the Nebelung dry goods company store.

When fire was discovered by the two boys it was about 6:30 o'clock.

The Loss

Just what the loss will total cannot be intelligently guessed at this time but a conservative estimate is $100,000. No value can be put on the court house contents, even though part of records were saved. The building itself could not be built for a fourth of the above estimate. The Double Fabric Tire company's loss will be heavy. New machinery was recently bought with a view of enlarging and the finished product runs into money fast.

The McIntyre salesroom contents would run into the thousands, saying nothing of the material stored in the third story, belonging to the W. H. McIntyre company. The Courier office remains yet to be taken into consideration, besides the damage to surrounding buildings.

(Smith, the Photographer.)

Scene of Saturday night's conflagration taken from the southwest corner of the devastated block. Looking northeast and east is the business district, all of which was threatened.

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When the vault at the City National bank was opened Monday it was found that nearly all the books placed therein belonged to the recorder's office. In the list were tax duplicates, entry books, registry fees, sheriff election dockets and deed records. The will records, which some hoped were placed therein, were not found and hopes to recover them are practically abandoned.

Fire Chief Brandon, in behalf of the firemen, wish to thank all those who lent them assistance as well as those who at the risk of their lives volunteered and went to the top of buildings and waged a vigorous battle with the flames in order to keep the hardware block and adjacent buildings from catching fire. Their hardships when the flames blew into their faces are fully appreciated by the chief and is worthy of favorable comment.

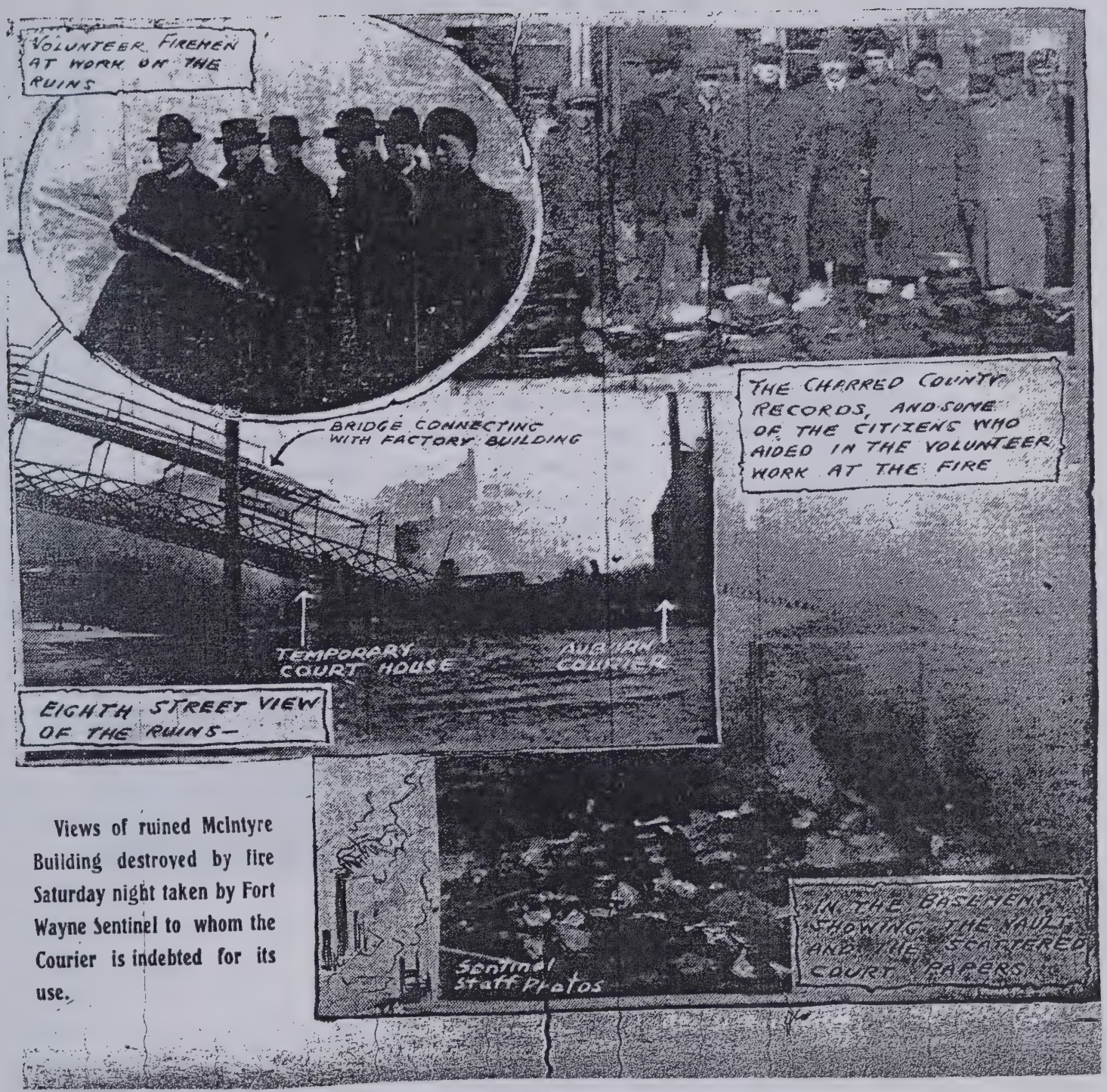
John Leasure, of Ground Hog fame, very calmly withdrew papers of value from their accustomed places and put them in a bushel basket and upon them put a quantity of silver ware. At a crucial moment a volunteer carried them from the hardware store and when Mr. Leasure thought of them again he did not know their whereabouts but started on a search. He found them on the sidewalk in front of the McCord drug store.

Frank Pyle, Union township trustees claims the distinction of sending in the first alarm of the fire. Leaving the Gale livery barn, at the rear of the Swineford hotel where he kept his team, Mr. Pyle witnessed flames through the west window which he says were little advanced. Returning to the barn he turned in the alarm. The telephone operators coroborate this when they declare that the first alarm came from the Gale barn. When Mr. Pyle returned to his rig which he left in the street the fire had already gained wonderful headway.

Having received the story of the fire through the American Press Association, the Toledo Times sent a reporter, Vincent P. Oatis, to Auburn Sunday morning. Mr. Oatis and H. E. Butler, representing the Gaumont Weekly Moving Picture company, made a number of pictures of the fire and it is possible that these pictures will be seen at an Auburn picture show before many weeks. The men stated that had it not been necessary for them to report on a fire in Toledo Saturday night, they would have reached Auburn before the sun first shone over the ruins.

After the complete ruin to the entire block looked certain all hopes of the Courier management centered in recovering the office files, the books and the subscription lists. These hopes matured. Early Sunday the

Courier office vault was opened with the exception of a few w soaked papers everything th was secured. In this vault kept the daily and weekly subs tion files, some files of the I Courier, office stationery, new pers, cuts of public men and of ing figures in DeKalb county, nun ing machine and other office e ment. All of these were sec The office safe in the Courier fu ed its mission. Prying open doors with pick and wedge it found that the contents were s An old paper containing the sk of the assassination of P dent Lincoln, some money, l and books were taken from the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BRIDGE CONNECTING WITH FACTORY BUILDING
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EIGHTH STREET VIEW OF THE RUINS—
THE CHARRED COUNTY RECORDS, AND SOME OF THE CITIZENS WHO AIDED IN THE VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE FIRE
IN THE BASEMENT SHOWING THE VAULT AND THE SCATTERED COURT PAPERS
Sentinel Staff Photos

Views of ruined McIntyre Building destroyed by fire Saturday night taken by Fort Wayne Sentinel to whom the Courier is indebted for its use.

THE CAUSE.

What the cause of the fire was will never be known. Different persons report seeing the blaze in its earliest inception, but the reports differ somewhat, yet agree that it was near the partition between the Courier office and the McIntyre sales room but so quickly did it spread that it was but a moment until that portion of the building was a seething mass of flames, a veritable furnace. Perhaps the one who knows as much as anyone is Glenn Winebrenner, who was acting as nightwatch at the temporary court house in place of his father, Howard Winebrenner, who was at supper. Mr. Winebrenner was secured by the regular night watch, Hiram Enzor, to serve in that capacity for the night.

Glenn Winebrenner says the first he knew of the fire was smoke issuing forth from a westerly direction which was apparently coming from the Courier office. Manager Monte L. Green was one of the last to leave the Courier office in the evening and he said he was at the rear and that everything was all right and he had scarcely reached his home when the alarm was sounded. John Cramer, linotype operator, left the office a few moments before and says that before so doing he looked after the gas at lynotype personally to see that it was all right.

Wayne Weaver and Paul Farley are among the first who saw the fire. They were delivering papers and were near the James residence at VanBuren and Ninth streets when they were attracted by lights in the windows of the second floor of the building. The windows on the third floor, on the west side were also aglow. From this it might be believed that the fire had its origin in either the second or third floor.

This also might lead to the suspicion that the fire started in the rooms near the freight elevator shaft, between the ware room and the county offices. The flames may have found access to the upper floors through the shaft.

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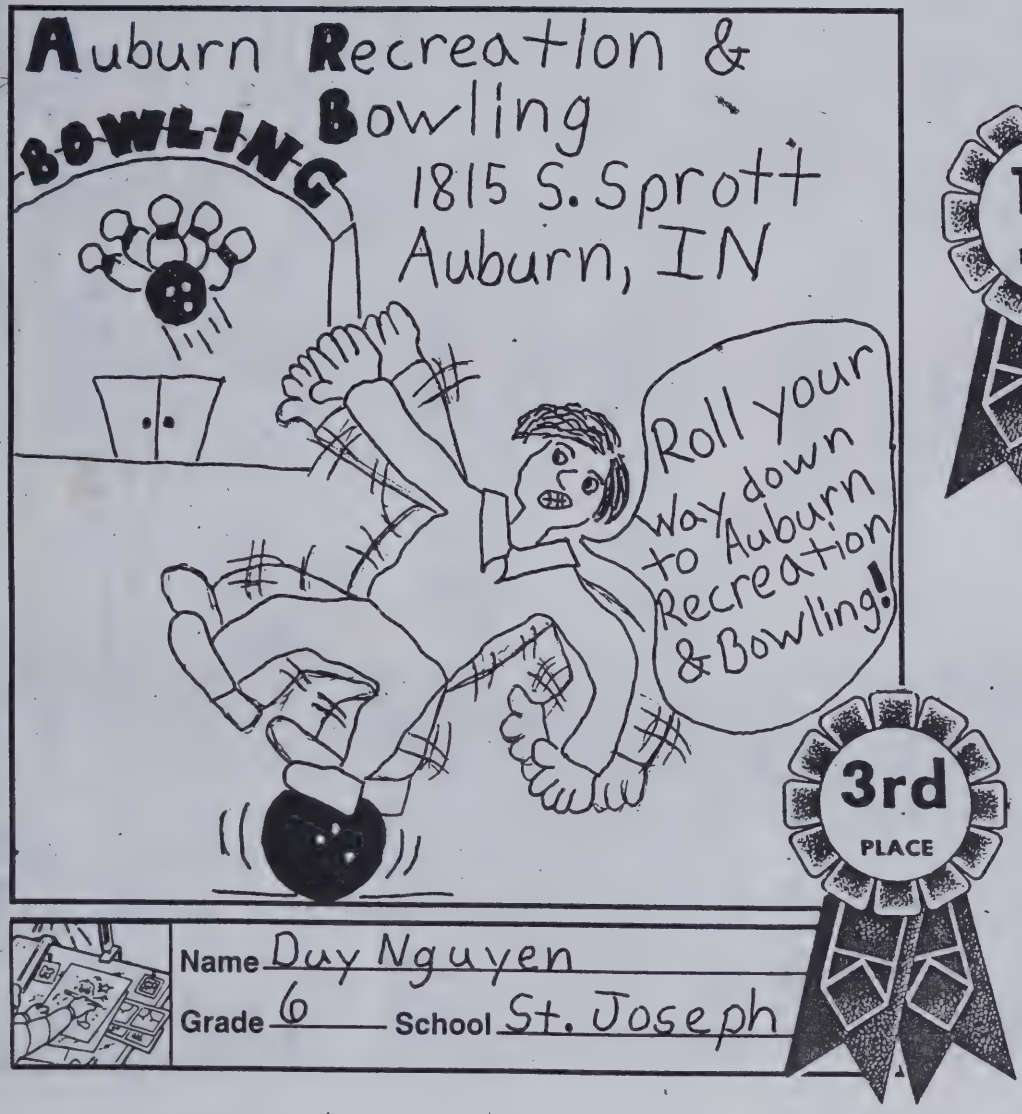

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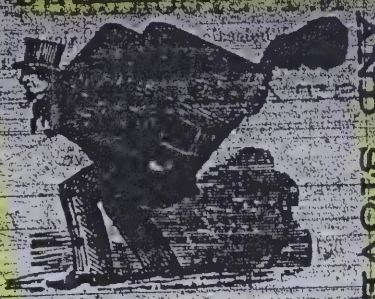

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A compound remedy, designed to be the most effectual *Alterative* that can be made. It is a concentrated extract of Para Sarsaparilla, combined with other substances of still greater Alterative power as to afford an effective antidote for the diseases Sarsaparilla is reputed to cure. It is believed that such a remedy is wanted by those who suffer from Strumous complaints, and that one which will accomplish their cure must prove of immense service to this large class of our afflicted fellow-citizens. How completely this compound will do it has been proven by experiment on many of the worst cases to be found of the following complaints:—

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Sarsaparilla has, and deserves much, the reputation of accomplishing these ends. But the world has been egregiously deceived by preparations of it, partly because the drug alone has not all the virtue that is claimed for it, but more because many preparations, pretending to be concentrated extracts of it, contain but little of the virtue of Sarsaparilla, or any thing else.

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NOTE

The fire of 1867 burned the John L. Davis Pioneer Hardware Store. According to this Ad in the Waterloo City Press, October 19, 1868, Ad dated January 30, 1868, John L. Davis stated "The subscriber begs to announce to his patrons and the public that this old established Cheap Hardware Store AND TIN SHOP is again in full operation at Mr. Long's corner, opposite the Griswold House. The old fire having made a general cleaning up of my old stock, I am now receiving an extensive New Stock."

If any of our subscribers who are in arrears for subscription, should find their papers suddenly stopped, they will please remember that our terms are "Two Dollars a year," *in advance*, and unless we know the parties thus owing us, to be responsible, their papers will be discontinued. Printer's ink and paper costs money. This number completes the 10th volume, and quite a number of our subscriptions are paid to this time. These should be renewed immediately to secure the paper further.

Invalid's remember that Dr. Greenough's stay among us for the present, is limited to a few days only, therefore CALL AT ONCE, is our advice to all who wish to see him. He is making permanent cures in all cases he undertakes, and you will find him at Lent's Hotel.

JARVIS, IND., Sept. 8th, 1868.

EDITOR OF WATERLOO CITY PRESS—

Dear Sir:—At the Sabbath School Convention, held in Corunna on the 2d of this month, our school failed to report. I am requested by H. S. Hine, the President of the convention, to report to you. Our school is under the superin-

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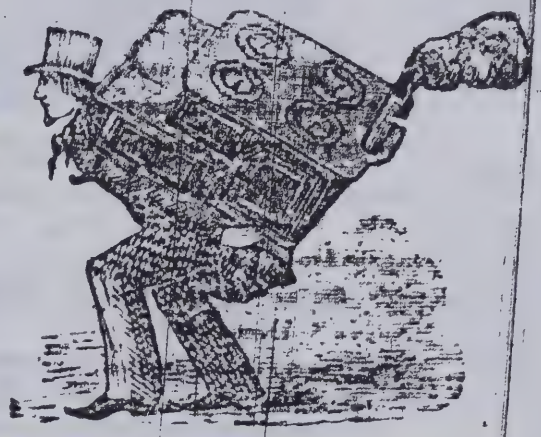

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Every description of Tin-work and repairs promptly attended to. A variety of Cook Parlor Box Stoves saved from the late fire, in good condition, will be sold at REDUCED PRICES, to close them out for the season. Give me a call before buying anything in my line elsewhere.

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This AD dated October 1, 1868 appearing in the Waterloo City Press on November 26, 1868 announces "The subscriber begs to announce to his patrons and the public that this old established "Cheap Hardware Store AND TIN-SHOP", is once more in full blast in his NEW BRICK BUILDING."

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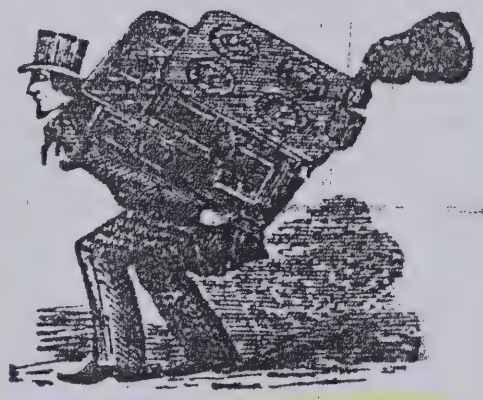

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